
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that license plate
2 flipping devices are manual, electric, or mechanical devices
3 that can be installed on motor vehicles in order to switch
4 between two or more license plates or hide a license plate from
5 view. The legislature further finds that these devices can be
6 used to prevent law enforcement from identifying a vehicle.
7 These devices create a significant nuisance for law enforcement
8 officials and pose a threat to public safety.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use
10 of license plate flipping devices.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§286- License plate flipping devices; prohibited. (a)
15 No person shall operate a motor vehicle with, possess, purchase,
16 install, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute a license
17 plate flipping device.



1 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
2 any person who violates this section shall be fined not more
3 than \$2,000 for each separate violation.

4 (c) For the purpose of this section "license plate
5 flipping device" means a manual, electric, or mechanical device
6 designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle that:

7 (1) Switches between two or more license plates for the
8 purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change
9 the license plate displayed on the operator's motor
10 vehicle; or

11 (2) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the
12 license plate so that the plate number is not
13 visible."

14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

License Plate Flipping Device; Prohibition; Fine; Motor Vehicles

Description:

Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with, possession, purchase, installation, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of license plate flipping devices. Establishes a \$2,000 fine for each separate violation. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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