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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 40 - 51
and insert:
as provided in chapter 318. A person may not knowingly use a
license plate obscuring device as defined in s. 320.262(1) or
apply or attach a substance, reflective matter, illuminated
device, spray, coating, covering, or other material onto or
around any license plate which interferes with the legibility,
angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail on



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the license plate or interferes with the ability to record any feature or detail on the license plate. A person who so interferes with a license plate commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083 ~~violates this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.~~

Section 3. Section 320.262, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited; penalties; enhanced penalties for license plate offenses.-

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "license plate obscuring device" means a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle which:

(a) Switches between two or more license plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle;

(b) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible;

(c) Covers, obscures, or otherwise interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail on the license plate; or

(d) Interferes with the ability to record any feature or detail on the license plate.

(2) A person may not purchase or possess a license plate obscuring device. A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.



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(3) A person may not manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or otherwise distribute a license plate obscuring device. A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(4) (a) A person who, during the commission of any other crime, knowingly violates s. 320.061 or s. 320.261 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) is subject to enhanced penalties for the other crime as follows:

1. A misdemeanor of the second degree shall be punished as if it were a misdemeanor of the first degree.

2. A misdemeanor of the first degree shall be punished as if it were a felony of the third degree.

3. A felony of the third degree shall be punished as if it were a felony of the second degree.

4. A felony of the second degree shall be punished as if it were a felony of the first degree.

5. A felony of the first degree shall be punished as if it were a life felony.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 6 - 11

and insert:

felony; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly using a license plate obscuring device; providing criminal penalties; reclassifying



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the offense of interfering with the legibility,
angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or
detail on a license plate or interfering with the
ability to record any feature on a license plate as a
misdemeanor of the second degree; creating s. 320.262,
F.S.; defining the term "license plate obscuring
device"; prohibiting the purchase, possession,
manufacture, sale, offering for sale, or distribution
of a license plate obscuring device; providing
criminal penalties; providing criminal penalties for
using a license plate obscuring device, knowingly
attaching to a motor vehicle a license plate that was
not assigned or transferred to the motor vehicle,
altering the original appearance of a license plate,
or interfering with the legibility, angular
visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail
on a license plate during the commission of a crime;
providing criminal penalty enhancements for a crime
committed while using a license plate obscuring
device, knowingly attaching to a motor vehicle a
license plate that was not assigned or transferred to
the motor vehicle, altering the original appearance of
a license plate, or interfering with the legibility,
angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or
detail on a license plate; providing an effective
date.