

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Short Title: License Plate Frame/State Name Visible.

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Sponsors: Representative Cole.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE COVERING OF THE STATE NAME ON A STATE
3 LICENSE PLATE BY A LICENSE PLATE FRAME.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(g) reads as rewritten:

6 "(g) Alteration, Disguise, or Concealment of Numbers. – Any operator of a motor
7 vehicle who shall willfully mutilate, bend, twist, cover or cause to be covered or partially
8 covered by any bumper, light, spare tire, tire rack, strap, frame, or other device, or who shall
9 paint, enamel, emboss, stamp, print, perforate, or alter or add to or cut off any part or portion of
10 a registration plate or the figures or letters thereon, including the State name, or who shall place
11 or deposit or cause to be placed or deposited any oil, grease, or other substance upon such
12 registration plates for the purpose of making dust adhere thereto, or who shall deface, disfigure,
13 change, or attempt to change any letter or figure thereon, or who shall display a number plate in
14 other than a horizontal upright position, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any operator
15 of a motor vehicle who shall willfully cover or cause to be covered any part or portion of a
16 registration plate or the figures or letters thereon by any device designed or intended to prevent
17 or interfere with the taking of a clear photograph of a registration plate by a traffic control or
18 toll collection system using cameras commits an infraction and shall be fined under
19 G.S. 14-3.1. Any operator of a motor vehicle who shall otherwise intentionally cover any
20 number or registration renewal sticker on a registration plate with any material that makes the
21 number or registration renewal sticker illegible commits an infraction and shall be fined under
22 G.S. 14-3.1. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use of transparent covers that are not
23 designed or intended to prevent or interfere with the taking of a clear photograph of a
24 registration plate by a traffic control or toll collection system using cameras."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to
26 offenses committed on or after that date.



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