

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 67**

Short Title: License Plate Frame/State Name Visible. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Cole; M. Alexander, Dockham, Goforth, Harrison, Hurley,  
Lucas, and Martin.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

