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HOUSE BILL No. 2699

By Representatives Benlon and Bethell

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning license plates; amending K.S.A. 8-133 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

- Section 1. K.S.A. 8-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-133. (a) The license plate assigned to the vehicle shall be attached to the rear thereof and shall be so displayed during the current registration year or years, and no Kansas registration plate for any other year shall appear on the front of the vehicle, except that the license plate issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the front of the truck tractor and a model year license plate may be attached to the front of an antique vehicle, in accordance with K.S.A. 8-172, and amendments thereto. Beginning in 1985 and thereafter Two personalized license plates may be issued for passenger vehicles and trucks licensed for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds. One such personalized license plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and the other shall be displayed on the front of the vehicle, but no registration decal shall be issued for any plate affixed to the front of a vehicle pursuant to K.S.A. 8-134, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and. Every license plate shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.
- (c) (1) No person shall: (A) Cover any license plate or any part thereof with any material whatever, including any clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity; or (B) place any frame around or over any license plate which does not allow full view of all numerals and letters printed on such license plate.
 - (2) (A) Violation of paragraph (1) is a misdemeanor.
- (B) Any person guilty of violating paragraph (1), upon the first conviction, shall be fined \$30.
- (C) Any person guilty of violating paragraph (1), upon the second conviction, shall be fined \$60.

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- (D) Any person guilty of violating paragraph (1), upon the third or subsequent conviction, shall be fined \$150.
- (d) During any period in which the construction of license plates has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto, the plate, tag, token, marker or sign assigned to such vehicle shall be attached to and displayed on such vehicle in such place, position, manner and condition as shall be prescribed by the director of vehicles.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-133 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.