

REFERENCE TITLE: license plates; obscuring information; prohibition

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## **SB 1259**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-2354, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-2354, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-2354. License plates; attachment; applying covering or  
5 substance prohibited; civil penalty

6 A. A person shall display the license plate or plates as follows:

7 1. For a motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer, on the  
8 rear.

9 2. For a vehicle for which two license plates are issued, the vehicle  
10 owner shall display either of the following:

11 (a) One plate on the rear.

12 (b) One plate on the front and one plate on the rear.

13 B. A person shall display all license plates as required by  
14 subsection A until their lawful use expires or is canceled or revoked. A  
15 person shall maintain each license plate so it is clearly legible. A person  
16 shall securely fasten each license plate to the vehicle as follows:

17 1. To prevent the plate from swinging.

18 2. At a height of at least twelve inches from the ground to the bottom  
19 of the plate.

20 3. In a position to be clearly visible.

21 C. A person shall maintain each license plate so that the name of this  
22 state at the top of the license plate is not obscured.

23 D. A peace officer shall not stop or issue a citation to a person  
24 operating a motor vehicle on a highway in this state for a violation of  
25 subsection C ~~of this section~~ unless the peace officer has reasonable cause to  
26 believe there is another alleged violation of a motor vehicle law of this  
27 state.

28 E. UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A PERSON SHALL NOT APPLY A  
29 COVERING OR ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE LICENSE PLATE OR USE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR  
30 ELECTROCHROMATIC FILM THAT OBSCURES FROM ANY ANGLE THE NUMBERS, CHARACTERS,  
31 YEAR VALIDATING TABS OR NAME OF THE JURISDICTION ISSUING THE PLATE.

32 ~~E.~~ F. If a person violates subsection C ~~of this section~~, the person  
33 is subject to a civil penalty of thirty dollars, except that if a person  
34 violates subsection C ~~of this section~~ within twelve months after the date of  
35 a prior violation of subsection C ~~of this section~~, the person is subject to a  
36 civil penalty of one hundred dollars.