A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3	designated and to read as follows:
4	" <u>§286-</u> License plate flipping devices; prohibited. (a)
5	No person shall operate a motor vehicle with, possess, purchase,
6	install, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute a license
7	plate flipping device.
8	(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
9	any person who violates this section shall be fined no less than
10	\$750 but no more than \$1,000 for each separate violation.
11	(c) For the purpose of this section "license plate
12	flipping device" means a manual, electric, or mechanical device
13	designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle that:
14	(1) Switches between two or more license plates for the
15	purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change
16	the license plate displayed on the operator's motor
17	vehicle; or

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- 1 (2) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the
 2 license plate so that the plate number is not visible.
 3 §286- Obscuring of a license plate; prohibited.
 4 Obscuring a vehicle's license plate through the use of a cover
- 5 or shield shall be prohibited. Any violation of this section
- 6 shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$500 but no more
- 7 than \$1,000 for each offense."
- 8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

Report Title:

License Plates; Electronic License Plates; License Plate Flipping Devices; Prohibition; Fines

Description:

Prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices. Establishes minimum and maximum fines. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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