

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1224

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 29, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 228, H.D. 1,
S.D. 2, C.D. 1

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.
ACT 124

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 29 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 124
H.B. NO. 228
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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 "~~§286-~~ 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. This section shall apply to any motor
8 vehicle operated on public roadways in the State, regardless of
9 the jurisdiction of registration. Each act described in this
10 subsection shall constitute a separate and distinct violation,
11 regardless of whether multiple acts occur simultaneously or are
12 committed in connection with other violations.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
14 any person who violates this section shall be fined no less than
15 \$750 but no more than \$1,000 for each separate violation. Each
16 instance of a violation shall constitute a separate offense.



1 (c) For the purposes of this section, "license plate
2 flipping device" means a manual, electric, or mechanical device
3 designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle that:

4 (1) Switches between two or more license plates for the
5 purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change
6 the license plate displayed on the vehicle; or

7 (2) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the
8 license plate so that the plate number is not
9 visible."

10 **§286-___ Obstruction of a license plate; prohibited.** The
11 use of any cover or shield installed over a vehicle's license
12 plate, regardless of transparency or intent, shall be
13 prohibited. Any person who violates this section shall be fined
14 no less than \$500 and no more than \$1,000 for each offense.
15 Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. For
16 the purposes of this section, "cover" or "shield" means any
17 device, material, or film—whether clear, tinted, mirrored,
18 reflective, or otherwise that is installed over or affixed to a
19 license plate, and is intended to alter or interfere with the
20 visibility, legibility, or identification of the license plate
21 by law enforcement or traffic enforcement systems."



1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 228
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 228, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate