

SENATE BILL No. 325

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; restricting
2 the use of material or objects covering a license plate; amending K.S.A.
3 8-133 and 8-15,110 and repealing the existing sections.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-133.
7 (a) The license plate assigned to the vehicle shall be attached to the rear of
8 the vehicle and shall be displayed during the current registration year or
9 years. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), a Kansas registered
10 vehicle shall not have a license plate attached to the front of the vehicle.

11 (b) The following classes of vehicles shall attach a license plate in the
12 location or locations specifically stated:

13 (1) The license plate issued for a truck tractor shall be attached to the
14 front of the truck tractor;

15 (2) a model year license plate issued for an antique vehicle, in
16 accordance with K.S.A. 8-172, and amendments thereto, may be attached
17 to the front of the antique vehicle;

18 (3) a personalized license plate issued to a passenger vehicle or truck
19 pursuant to K.S.A. 8-132(c), and amendments thereto, may be attached to
20 the front of the passenger vehicle or truck;

21 (4) the license plate issued for a motor vehicle used as a concrete
22 mixer truck may be attached to either the front or rear of the vehicle; and

23 (5) the license plate issued for a motor vehicle used as a dump truck
24 with a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or more shall be attached to the front
25 of the vehicle. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to such
26 vehicle if such vehicle is registered as a farm truck.

27 ~~(c) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the~~
28 ~~vehicle to which it is assigned, to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a~~
29 ~~height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom~~
30 ~~of such plate. The license plate shall be fastened in a place and position to~~
31 ~~be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and~~
32 ~~in a condition to be clearly legible.~~

33 ~~(d)~~ During any period in which the construction of license plates has
34 been suspended pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-132, and
35 amendments thereto, the plate, tag, token, marker or sign assigned to such
36 vehicle shall be attached to and displayed on such vehicle in such place,

1 position, manner and condition as shall be prescribed by the director of
2 vehicles.

3 ~~(e) A law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone~~
4 ~~violating the provisions of subsection (b)(5). The provisions of this~~
5 ~~subsection shall expire and have no effect on and after January 1, 2022.~~

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-15,110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
7 15,110. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to attach ~~and~~ or display on
8 any vehicle, *or to operate a vehicle with*, a license plate, as required under
9 article 1 of chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;:

10 (1) Which is covered, in whole or in part, with any clear or opaque
11 material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility
12 or reflectivity; or

13 (2) *with any frame or other object on or around the plate affecting*
14 *the visibility or legibility as required in subsection (b).*

15 (b) *Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the*
16 *vehicle to which it is assigned, to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a*
17 *height not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom*
18 *of such plate. The license plate shall be fastened in a place and position to*
19 *be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and*
20 *in a condition to be clearly legible.*

21 (c) *As used in this section, "clearly legible," "clearly visible,"*
22 *"legibility" or "visibility" means the ability to determine the alphanumeric*
23 *registration number assigned, the state of issue, the month of expiration on*
24 *the registration decal, the color of the registration decal and any other*
25 *required decal from a reasonably safe distance. "Clearly legible," "clearly*
26 *visible," "legibility" or "visibility" does not include the ability to determine*
27 *the abbreviated state designation on the registration decal, the expiration*
28 *year on the registration decal and plate number on the registration decal.*

29 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act
30 regulating traffic on highways.

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-133 and 8-15,110 are hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.