

HOUSE BILL 2145

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40 and Title 55, relative to license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "license plate flipper" means:

(1) A manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle that either:

(A) Alternates between two (2) or more license plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the operator's vehicle; or

(B) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the plate, making the license number not visible.

(b) A person commits an offense if a person acts with criminal negligence, as defined in § 39-11-106, and purchases or possesses a license plate flipper.

(c) A person commits an offense if a person acts with criminal negligence, as defined in § 39-11-106, and manufactures, sells, offers to sell, or otherwise distributes a license plate flipper.

(d)

(1) An offense under subsection (b) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(2) An offense under subsection (c) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.