



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 870**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2585**

**By Taylor, Jackson, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2145

By Greg Martin, Vital, Whitson, Carr, Wright, Marsh, Sherrell, Harris

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.

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PASSED: April 18, 2024

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR