

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 846

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Prohibits drivers from obscuring license plates with coverings or films

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A)(3), relative to the display of motor vehicle license
3 plates; to prohibit the application of coverings, films, substances, or devices over or
4 on a license plate that impedes the visibility of the license plate; to define the term
5 "obscure"; to establish penalties for violations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:53(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §53. Proper equipment required on vehicles; display of plate

9 A.

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11 (3) Every permanent registration license plate shall at all times be securely
12 fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, so as to prevent the plate from
13 swinging, and at a height not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring
14 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall
15 be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

16 Unless authorized by the commissioner, a person shall not apply a any covering,
17 film, electrochromatic film, coating, spray, frame, bracket, ~~or any substance to~~ ,
18 electronic and nonelectronic device, or any material over or on the license plate ~~or~~
19 ~~use an electronic device or electrochromatic film~~ that obscures from any angle the

