

Sub. H.B. 26
LSC 132 0002-2

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 8 of the title, after "4503.192," insert "4503.21," 1

In line 36 of the title, after "4511.04," insert "4511.043," 2

In line 73, after "4503.192," insert "4503.21," 3

In line 95, after "4511.04," insert "4511.043," 4

Between lines 3774 and 3775, insert: 5

"**Sec. 4503.21.** (A)(1) No person who is the owner or operator 6
of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the 7
front and rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that bears the 8
distinctive number and registration mark assigned to the motor 9
vehicle by the director of public safety, including any county 10
identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under 11
sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, ~~furnished by~~ 12
~~the director of public safety,~~ except ~~that a~~ as follows: 13

(a) A manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the 14
holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a 15
motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, motor-driven cycle or 16
motor scooter, autocycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, manufactured 17
home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display a license 18
plate on the rear only. ~~A~~ 19

(b) A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall 20

display the validation sticker only on the rear license plate, 21
 except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an 22
 apportioned license plate under the international registration 23
 plan shall display the validation sticker on the front of the 24
 commercial tractor. ~~An~~ 25

(c) An apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned license 26
 plate under the international registration plan shall display the 27
 license plate only on the front of a commercial tractor and on the 28
 rear of all other vehicles. ~~All~~ 29

(2) All license plates shall be securely fastened so as not 30
 to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs 31
 their visibility. 32

(3) No person to whom a temporary license placard or 33
 windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle 34
 under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no operator of 35
 that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license 36
 placard in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the 37
 rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle, 38
 or fail to display the windshield sticker in plain view on the 39
 rear window of the motor vehicle. No temporary license placard or 40
 windshield sticker shall be covered by any material that obstructs 41
 its visibility. 42

(B) ~~Whoever~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 43
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall do either of the 44
following solely because the owner or operator of a motor vehicle 45
has failed to display a license plate in plain view on the front 46
of the motor vehicle in violation of division (A) of this section: 47

(1) Cause the operator of the motor vehicle to stop the motor 48
vehicle for the purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons 49
for the violation, or causing the arrest or commencing a 50

prosecution of the operator for the violation; 51

(2) Issue a ticket, citation, or summons to the owner of a 52
parked motor vehicle for the violation, or cause the arrest or 53
commence the prosecution of such owner for the violation. 54

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, 55
whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor 56
misdemeanor. 57

(2) Whoever violates division (A) of this section by failing 58
to display a license plate in plain view on the front of a motor 59
vehicle as required under division (A) of this section is guilty 60
of a minor misdemeanor and may be fined not more than twenty-five 61
dollars. 62

A person who is subject to the penalty prescribed in division 63
(C)(2) of this section is not subject to the charging of points 64
under section 4510.036 of the Revised Code." 65

Between lines 12519 and 12520, insert: 66

"**Sec. 4511.043.** (A)(1) No law enforcement officer who stops 67
the operator of a motor vehicle in the course of an authorized 68
sobriety or other motor vehicle checkpoint operation or a motor 69
vehicle safety inspection shall issue a ticket, citation, or 70
summons for a secondary traffic offense unless in the course of 71
the checkpoint operation or safety inspection the officer first 72
determines that an offense other than a secondary traffic offense 73
has occurred and either places the operator or a vehicle occupant 74
under arrest or issues a ticket, citation, or summons to the 75
operator or a vehicle occupant for an offense other than a 76
secondary offense. 77

(2) A law enforcement agency that operates a motor vehicle 78
checkpoint for an express purpose related to a secondary traffic 79
offense shall not issue a ticket, citation, or summons for any 80
secondary traffic offense at such a checkpoint, but may use such a 81
checkpoint operation to conduct a public awareness campaign and 82
distribute information. 83

(B) As used in this section, "secondary traffic offense" 84
means a violation of division (A) of section 4503.21 of the 85
Revised Code when the penalty described in division (C)(2) of that 86
section applies, division (A) or (F)(2) of section 4507.05, 87
division (B)(1)(a) or (b) or (E) of section 4507.071, division (A) 88
of section 4511.204, division (C) or (D) of section 4511.81, 89
division (A)(3) of section 4513.03, or division (B) of section 90
4513.263 of the Revised Code." 91

In line 16622, after "4503.192," insert "4503.21," 92

In line 16643, after "4511.04," insert "4511.043," 93

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Front license plates	94
R.C. 4503.21 and 4511.043	95
Specifies that failure to display a front license plate on a	96
motor vehicle that is required to display both a front and rear	97
license plate is a secondary traffic offense and establishes a	98
maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense.	99