

**SB0805**



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2015 and 2016**

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Introduced 2/5/2015, by Sen. Napoleon Harris, III

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/3-413

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires vehicle registration plates to be clearly visible at all times and free from materials or objects that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 3-413 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

7 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration  
8 stickers, and drive-away permits; registration plate covers.

9 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other  
10 than a motorcycle, autocycle, trailer, semitrailer,  
11 truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be  
12 attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The  
13 registration plate issued for a motorcycle, autocycle, trailer  
14 or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any  
15 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of  
16 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The  
17 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an apportioned  
18 truck required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to  
19 the front thereof.

20 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely  
21 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it  
22 is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a  
23 height of not less than 5 inches from the ground, measuring

1 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be  
2 clearly visible at all times and shall be maintained in a  
3 condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials or  
4 other objects that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.

5 A registration plate on a motorcycle may be mounted vertically  
6 as long as it is otherwise clearly visible. Registration  
7 stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration  
8 shall be attached to registration plates as required by the  
9 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times.

10 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code  
11 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner  
12 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit is  
13 affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall  
14 be void and of no effect.

15 (d) The Illinois prorate decal issued to a foreign  
16 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned with  
17 Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and  
18 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as an  
19 Illinois registration plate.

20 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body mounted  
21 on a truck displaying registration plates shall be attached to  
22 the rear of the camper body.

23 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
24 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
25 registration plate, plates or registration stickers, except as  
26 provided for in subsection (b) of Section 3-701 of this Code,

1 after the termination of the registration period for which  
2 issued or after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections  
3 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

4 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is  
5 equipped with registration plate covers. A violation of this  
6 subsection (g) or a similar provision of a local ordinance is  
7 an offense against laws and ordinances regulating the movement  
8 of traffic.

9 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration  
10 plate cover. A violation of this subsection (h) is a business  
11 offense.

12 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of promoting  
13 the sale of registration plate covers. A violation of this  
14 subsection (i) is a business offense.

15 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's  
16 mounting location of the rear registration plate on any vehicle  
17 so as to conceal the registration or to knowingly cause it to  
18 be obstructed in an effort to hinder a peace officer from  
19 obtaining the registration for the enforcement of a violation  
20 of this Code, Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning  
21 toll evasion, or any municipal ordinance. Modifications  
22 prohibited by this subsection (j) include but are not limited  
23 to the use of an electronic device. A violation of this  
24 subsection (j) is a Class A misdemeanor.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-743, eff. 1-1-13; 98-777, eff. 1-1-15;  
26 98-1103, eff. 1-1-15; revised 10-1-14.)