



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2504

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-413

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

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Prohibits a person from purchasing or possessing a license plate flipper and makes a violation of such a Class B misdemeanor. Prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, offering to sell, or otherwise distributing a license plate flipper and makes a violation of such a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that a person who violates either such provision shall also have the person's vehicle registration automatically suspended. Defines "license plate flipper".

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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  
5 changing Section 3-413 and by adding Section 11-1433 as  
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

8 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital  
9 registration plates, registration stickers or digital  
10 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration  
11 plate or digital registration plate covers.

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

1       thereof.

2           (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized  
3 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration  
4 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal  
5 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent  
6 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5  
7 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such  
8 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall  
9 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from  
10 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.  
11 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a  
12 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is  
13 otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital  
14 registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual  
15 registration shall be attached to registration plates or  
16 displayed on digital registration plates as required by the  
17 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times and  
18 displayed as prescribed in subsection (k). For those vehicles  
19 with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is  
20 securely fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the  
21 plate and registration sticker shall not be required to be  
22 clearly visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted  
23 motorized forklift obstructing the view.

24           (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code  
25 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner  
26 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit

1 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit  
2 shall be void and of no effect.

3 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
4 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned  
5 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or  
6 digital registration plate and displayed on the frontmost of  
7 such vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration  
8 plate or digital registration plate.

9 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate  
10 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying  
11 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be  
12 attached to the rearmost of the camper body.

13 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
14 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
15 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or  
16 plates or registration stickers or digital registration  
17 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section  
18 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration  
19 period for which issued or after the expiration date set  
20 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

21 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is  
22 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate  
23 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar  
24 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and  
25 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

26 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration

1 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this  
2 subsection (h) is a business offense.

3 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of  
4 promoting the sale of registration plate or digital  
5 registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i)  
6 is a business offense.

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

18 (k) Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed  
19 registration by the Secretary shall be displayed on the upper  
20 right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner  
21 otherwise provided by the Secretary. However, registration  
22 stickers issued to truck-tractors shall be displayed on the  
23 upper right corner of the front registration plate or in a  
24 manner otherwise provided by the Secretary.

25 (l) No person shall affix to any registration plate,  
26 temporary registration plate, digital registration plate,

1 registration sticker, or other evidence of registration issued  
2 by the Secretary any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other  
3 object not issued or approved by the Secretary. No person  
4 shall alter, manipulate, apply, or otherwise manipulate any  
5 evidence of registration issued by the Secretary in any manner  
6 from the original condition as was received when issued by the  
7 Secretary. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that displays  
8 evidence of registration altered in any manner or displaying  
9 any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other object as  
10 prescribed in this subsection.

11 (m) As used in this Section, "license plate flipper" means  
12 a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted  
13 to be installed on a motor vehicle that either:

14 (1) alternates between 2 or more license plates for  
15 the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change  
16 the license plate displayed on the operator's vehicle; or

17 (2) hides a license plate from view by flipping the  
18 plate, making the license number not visible.

19 A person may not purchase or possess a license plate  
20 flipper. A violation of this subsection (m) is a Class B  
21 misdemeanor and shall result in an automatic suspension of the  
22 person's vehicle registration by the Secretary of State.

23 (n) A person may not manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or  
24 otherwise distribute a license plate flipper. A violation of  
25 this subsection (n) is a Class A misdemeanor and shall result  
26 in an automatic suspension of the person's vehicle

1 registration by the Secretary of State.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)