

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1282

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 49-428, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-  
2 VIDE THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY MANUFACTURED WITHOUT A  
3 BRACKET, DEVICE OR OTHER MEANS TO DISPLAY AND SECURE A FRONT LICENSE  
4 PLATE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DISPLAY ONE PLATE ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE  
5 VEHICLE.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 49-428, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to  
11 a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the  
12 rear, with the exception of the following:

13 (a) The license plate assigned to a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle,  
14 utility type vehicle, motorbike or semitrailer and the license plate  
15 assigned to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, repossession  
16 agent or dealer shall be attached to the rear.

17 (b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car or  
18 street rod license plates shall be allowed to display one (1) plate at-  
19 tached to the rear of the vehicle.

20 (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the  
21 front.

22 (d) The wrecker plate shall be displayed on the vehicle being towed in  
23 such a manner as to be visible when the vehicle being towed is approached  
24 from the rear.

25 (e) A motor vehicle that was originally manufactured without a bracket,  
26 device or other means to display and secure a front license plate shall  
27 be allowed to display one (1) plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

28 License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The  
29 annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be dis-  
30 played on each license plate, except for trailers and semitrailers on ex-  
31 tended registration under the provisions of section 49-434, Idaho Code. For  
32 the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the registra-  
33 tion stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year designated  
34 on the registration sticker.

35 (2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the  
36 vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at  
37 a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from  
38 the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible,  
39 and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be  
40 clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to  
41 the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4),  
42 Idaho Code.