

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1071

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-428, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE  
2 AN EXCEPTION TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SPECIFIED PROVISIONS REGARDING THE  
3 VISIBILITY OF LICENSE PLATES.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

8 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to  
9 a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the  
10 rear, with the exception of the following:

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

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

18 (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the  
19 front.

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

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

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

38 (3) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section do not apply to a  
39 license plate that is obscured exclusively by one (1) or more of the fol-  
40 lowing devices or by the cargo the device is carrying, if the device is in-  
41 stalled according to manufacturer specifications or generally accepted in-  
42 stallation practices:

- 1        (a) A trailer hitch;
- 2        (b) A wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier;
- 3        (c) A trailer being towed by the vehicle;
- 4        (d) A bicycle rack, ski rack or luggage rack; or
- 5        (e) A similar cargo-carrying device.