

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 49-428, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DISPLAY ONE PLATE ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be displayed on each license plate, except for trailers, semitrailers, and commercial vehicles over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds under the provisions of sections 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the registration stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year designated on the registration sticker.

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