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**HOUSE BILL 67
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/19/09
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Short Title: License Plate Frame/State Name Visible.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE COVERING OF THE STATE NAME, YEAR STICKER, OR
2 MONTH STICKER ON A STATE LICENSE PLATE BY A LICENSE PLATE FRAME.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(g) reads as rewritten:

6 "(g) Alteration, Disguise, or Concealment of Numbers. – Any operator of a motor
7 vehicle who shall willfully mutilate, bend, twist, cover or cause to be covered or partially
8 covered by any bumper, light, spare tire, tire rack, strap, or other device, or who shall paint,
9 enamel, emboss, stamp, print, perforate, or alter or add to or cut off any part or portion of a
10 registration plate or the figures or letters thereon, or who shall place or deposit or cause to be
11 placed or deposited any oil, grease, or other substance upon such registration plates for the
12 purpose of making dust adhere thereto, or who shall deface, disfigure, change, or attempt to
13 change any letter or figure thereon, or who shall display a number plate in other than a
14 horizontal upright position, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any operator of a motor
15 vehicle who shall willfully cover or cause to be covered any part or portion of a registration
16 plate or the figures or letters thereon by any device designed or intended to prevent or interfere
17 with the taking of a clear photograph of a registration plate by a traffic control or toll collection
18 system using cameras commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. Any operator
19 of a motor vehicle who shall otherwise intentionally cover any number or registration renewal
20 sticker on a registration plate with any material that makes the number or registration renewal
21 sticker illegible commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. Any operator of a
22 motor vehicle who covers the State name, year sticker, or month sticker on a registration plate
23 with a license plate frame commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. Nothing
24 in this subsection shall prohibit the use of transparent covers that are not designed or intended
25 to prevent or interfere with the taking of a clear photograph of a registration plate by a traffic
26 control or toll collection system using cameras."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to
28 offenses committed on or after that date. During the period from December 1, 2009, to
29 November 30, 2010, an operator of a motor vehicle who violates this act shall be given a
30 warning of violation only.

