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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1357 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, MENSCH, VOGEL, GORDNER, GEBHARD, KEARNEY,  
BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, STEFANO, SANTARSIERO AND  
TARTAGLIONE, OCTOBER 14, 2022

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 14, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for  
3 display of registration plate.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1332(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 1332. Display of registration plate.

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11 (b) Obscuring plate.--It is unlawful to display on any  
12 vehicle a registration plate which:

13 (1) is so dirty as to prevent the reading of the number  
14 or letters thereon at a reasonable distance;

15 (2) is illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise  
16 obstructed in any manner which inhibits the proper operation  
17 of an automated red light enforcement system in place  
18 pursuant to section 3116 (relating to automated red light

1 enforcement systems in first class cities) or 3117 (relating  
2 to automated red light enforcement systems in certain  
3 municipalities) or any other automated enforcement system  
4 authorized by this title or an electronic toll collection  
5 system as authorized under 74 Pa.C.S. § 8117 (relating to  
6 electronic toll collection);

7 (3) is [~~otherwise~~] illegible, obscured, covered or  
8 otherwise obstructed in any manner at a reasonable distance  
9 [~~or is obscured in any manner; or~~];

10 (4) is illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise  
11 obstructed in [~~a~~] any manner which inhibits the visibility of  
12 the issuing jurisdiction at a reasonable distance[~~.]~~; or

13 (5) has a tinted plate cover.

14 (b.1) Construction.--Nothing under subsection (b) shall be  
15 construed to prohibit a vehicle from being affixed with a  
16 registration plate frame that minimally outlines the  
17 registration plate in such a manner that the registration  
18 plate's number and issuing jurisdiction is identifiable by an  
19 automated enforcement system under subsection (b) (2) or by law  
20 enforcement.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.