

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4542**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
04/30/2020	6010	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to motor vehicles; allowing clear coverings on license plates; amending

1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.79, subdivision 7.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.79, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. **Plate fastened and visible.** All plates must be (1) securely fastened so as to

1.7 prevent them from swinging, (2) displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers and

1.8 letters facing outward from the vehicle, and (3) mounted in the upright position. The person

1.9 driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free from grease,

1.10 dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful

1.11 to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state of origin of a license

1.12 plate with any material ~~whatever, including any clear or colorless material~~ that affects the

1.13 plate's visibility or reflectivity. A person may cover a license plate with a clear, colorless

1.14 material provided that the covering does not affect the plate's visibility or reflectivity.