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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Prohibits display of registration plate [*or registration sticker*] on vehicle other than vehicle for which plate [*or sticker*] was issued **or display of registration sticker that contains expiration date different from expiration date on vehicle registration records.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to proof of vehicle registration; amending ORS 803.550.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 803.550 is amended to read:

5 803.550. (1) A person commits the offense of illegal alteration or **illegal** display of a registration
6 plate if the person knowingly does any of the following:

7 (a) Illegally alters a registration plate in a manner described in subsection (2) of this section.

8 **(b) Causes a registration plate to be illegally displayed as described in subsection (3) of**
9 **this section.**

10 *[(b)]* **(c) Operates any vehicle that is displaying a registration plate that is illegally altered in**
11 **a manner described in subsection (2) of this section or that is illegally displayed as described in**
12 **subsection (3) of this section.**

13 *[(c)]* **(d) Owns and causes or permits a vehicle to display a registration plate that is illegally**
14 **altered in a manner described in subsection (2) of this section or that is illegally displayed as**
15 **described in subsection (3) of this section.**

16 (2) A registration plate is illegally altered for purposes of this section if the plate has been al-
17 tered, modified, covered or obscured **in any manner** including, but not limited to, the following:

18 (a) Any change of the color, configuration, numbers, letters or material of the plate.

19 (b) Any material or covering, other than a frame or plate holder, placed on, over or in front of
20 the plate that alters the appearance of the plate.

21 (c) Any frame or plate holder that obscures the numbers, letters or registration stickers, so as
22 to render them unreadable.

23 **(3) A registration plate is illegally displayed for purposes of this section if the plate:**

24 **(a) Is displayed on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate was issued; or**

25 **(b) Displays registration stickers that contain an expiration date that is different from**
26 **the expiration date shown upon the vehicle registration records of the Department of**
27 **Transportation.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [~~3~~] **(4) Subsection (2) of** this section does not apply to the following:

2 (a) Any placement of registration stickers described under ORS 803.555.

3 (b) Any public official who displays or performs any alteration of a registration plate in the
4 course of official duties.

5 (c) Any special interest registration plate approved under ORS 805.210.

6 **(5) Subsection (3)(a) of this section does not apply to a vehicle dealer authorized to use**
7 **and operate vehicles displaying the dealer's plates under ORS 822.040.**

8 [~~4~~] **(6)** The offense described in this section, illegal alteration or **illegal** display of a registra-
9 tion plate, is a Class B traffic violation.

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