

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 2: REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

§ 2106. Registration: Display of Plates.

Every owner whose vehicle or bicycle is registered shall display the plates issued by the bureau showing the registration number and year. Each of these plates shall be attached properly to the front and rear of the vehicle or bicycle, at the factory designated position. The plates shall be kept clean and the numbers must be clearly visible from a distance of 50 feet. No vehicle or bicycle owner may display an unofficial plate at the front or rear of his vehicle or bicycle.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 206); amended by PL 14-18, § 2.

Commission Comment: PL 14-18 was enacted on July 12, 2004 and contained findings and purpose, severability, and savings clause provisions. The findings and purpose of PL 14-18 stated:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that many vehicle owners do not display both license plates on their vehicle. Many vehicle owners choose to only display the plates on the rear of the vehicles. This has been problematic for the Department of Public Safety, creating difficulty on identifying fleeing vehicles or any vehicles for that matter. In an effort to assist the Department of Public Safety, both license plates shall be affixed on the proper factory intended areas. This will allow the Department of Public Safety to quickly identify vehicles and will also assist residents to recognize vehicles entering into private property. The legislature further finds that the bureau of Motor Vehicles issues two license plates upon registration of a vehicle. It is the intention of the Bureau to have both plates displayed on the vehicle. Therefore, it is the purpose of this legislation to have vehicle owners display both license plates at the front and rear of the vehicle, specifically at the factory designated areas.