



FLORIDA HORIZONTAL LICENSE PLATE UPDATE

On June 16, 2009, Gov. Crist signed SB 1100 , making it legal to have vertical license plates on motorcycles in the state of Florida. Many of the law enforcement agencies may not be aware of the change, and therefore it is up to us to get the word out and educate the motorcycling community of the change in the law. Below is a page from the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles regarding changes in the law for 2009. The change allowing the horizontal tag is highlighted in **RED**. The information can be found here: www.flhsmv.gov/Leg2009.htm

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Ch. Law 2009-183	SB 1100 DHSMV	Effective 06/16/09
20.24	The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is re-enacted and the obsolete Bureau of MV Inspections is deleted from statute.	
Section 2.	Any person who held a driver license, identification card or motor vehicle registration between June 1, 2000 and September 30, 2004 is eligible to receive a \$1 credit on a new or renewed motor vehicle registration between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.	
316.126(1) (b) 1.	On a multi-lane road, the driver of a vehicle passing an emergency vehicle shall reduce their speed to 20 mph less than the posted limit, if they are unable to move over.	
316.2085(3)	<i>A motorcyclist may not conceal or obscure their license plate. The requirement that a motorcycle license plate be affixed horizontally is deleted.</i>	
316.2122	Mini-trucks are allowed to operate on the same roadways and in the same manner as a low-speed vehicle, which includes streets where the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less.	

- 320.01(27) The definition of a motorcycle in Florida law will coincide with that of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration when applicable.
- 320.02(45) A definition for "mini truck" is created.
- 320.0847 Mini-trucks are to be properly licensed and registered.
- 320.0848(2) Provisions are added that would allow an exemption from the requirement to have a driver license or identification card number on a disabled parking permit if the disabled person is physically unable to appear at a driver license office. This provision is effective November 1, 2009.
- 322.0261 Any driver who is the at-fault party in three crashes within three years will be required to take a behind-the-wheel driver education course. This provision is effective January 1, 2010.
- 322.03(1) The provision allowing the issuance of a Valid in Florida Only license is removed from statute effective November 1, 2009
- 322.08(6) The department will no longer issue a driver license and identification card to the same person, effective November 1, 2009.
- 322.271(2) The department is authorized to waive the hearing requirement for a hardship license if the underlying suspension is the result of a non-egregious offense.
- 322.64 Minor changes are made to the commercial driver license disqualification process to comply with federal law.
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