



AB 1085 ([Stefani D](#)) License plates: obstruction or alteration.

Status: 4/9/2025 - Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

Location: 3/24/2025-A. TRANS.

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Summary

Existing law prohibits a person from erasing the reflective coating of, painting over the reflective coating of, or altering a license plate to avoid visual or electronic capture of the license plate or its characters by state or local law enforcement. Existing law prohibits a person from installing or affixing on a vehicle a casing, shield, frame, border, product, or other device that obstructs or impairs the reading or recognition of a license plate by an electronic device operated by state or local law enforcement, an electronic device operated in connection with a toll road, high-occupancy toll lane, toll bridge, or other toll facility, or a remote emission sensing device, as specified. Existing law also prohibits the sale of a product or device that obscures, or is intended to obscure, the reading or recognition of a license plate by visual means, or by an electronic device in violation of the above-described provisions. A conviction for a violation of this provision is punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars \$250 per item sold or per violation. A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime. This bill would further prohibit a person from installing or affixing a shade or tint that obstructs the reading or recognition of a license plate by an electronic device operated by state or local law enforcement, an electronic device operated in connection with a toll road, high-occupancy toll lane, toll bridge, or other toll facility, or a remote emission sensing device, as specified. The bill would further prohibit the manufacture of these products and devices in the state and impose a \$2,500 fine per item sold or manufactured for a violation of these provisions. The bill would also make clarifying changes. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. (Based on text date 4/8/2025)

Bill Text

04/08/2025 Amended [pdf](#) [htm](#)

03/24/2025 Amended [pdf](#) [htm](#)

02/20/2025 Introduced [pdf](#) [htm](#)

Analysis

04/18/2025 [Assembly - Transportation](#)

Votes

Bills Affecting Same Code

PEOPLE WHO TRACK AB 1085 ALSO TRACK:

84% AB 33	Autonomous vehicles.	tracking
80% AB 939	The Safe, Sustainable, Traffic-Reducing Transportation Bond Act of 2026.	tracking
80% SB 684	Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025.	tracking

78% AB 35	California Environmental Quality Act: clean hydrogen transportation projects.	tracking
78% SB 71	California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transit projects.	tracking

History

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