

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE BILL 26**

Short Title: Camera Defeating License Covers Illegal.

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Sponsors: Representatives Miller; and McComas.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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February 17, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT DEVICES DESIGNED TO COVER REGISTRATION  
3 PLATES TO PREVENT THE TAKING OF A CLEAR PHOTOGRAPH BY  
4 TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS USING CAMERAS ARE UNLAWFUL.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(g) reads as rewritten:

7 "(g) Alteration, Disguise, or Concealment of Numbers. – Any operator of a motor  
8 vehicle who shall willfully mutilate, bend, twist, cover or cause to be covered or  
9 partially covered by any bumper, light, spare tire, tire rack, strap, or other device,  
10 including any device designed or used to prevent or interfere with the taking of a clear  
11 photograph of a registration plate by a traffic control system using cameras, or who  
12 shall paint, enamel, emboss, stamp, print, perforate, or alter or add to or cut off any part  
13 or portion of a registration plate or the figures or letters thereon, or who shall place or  
14 deposit or cause to be placed or deposited any oil, grease, or other substance upon such  
15 registration plates for the purpose of making dust adhere thereto, or who shall deface,  
16 disfigure, change, or attempt to change any letter or figure thereon, or who shall display  
17 a number plate in other than a horizontal upright position, shall be guilty of a Class 2  
18 misdemeanor. Any operator of a motor vehicle who shall otherwise intentionally cover  
19 any number or registration renewal sticker on a registration plate with any material that  
20 makes the number or registration renewal sticker illegible commits an infraction and  
21 shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.