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## **TRAINING BULLETIN**

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### **California Assembly Bill 2111**

The purpose of this training bulletin is to provide deputies and/or staff members with updated information regarding the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 5201.1. Effective January 1, 2025, the following amendments were enacted regarding the sale, use, and alteration of products or devices that obscure or interfere with the readability or recognition of a vehicle's license plate.

#### **Key Principles of CVC 5201.1**

##### Prohibition on Selling Obscuring Products or Devices:

- A person "shall not" sell any product or device designed to obscure or intended to obscure the reading or recognition of a license plate. This includes products that hinder visibility through "visual means" (e.g., covers or films) or "electronic devices" (e.g., license plate scanners, jammers).

##### Prohibition of Operating Vehicles with Obscuring Products or Devices:

- A person "shall not" operate a vehicle equipped with any product or device that violates the prohibitions outlined above, even if the product was legally purchased. The responsibility falls on the vehicle operator to ensure their license plate is not obscured or tampered with.

##### Prohibition of Altering License Plates:

- A person "shall not" erase or paint over the reflective coating of a license plate, nor alter the plate in any way that would hinder its visibility or interfere with electronic capture and recognition of the plate's characters. This includes any actions that compromise the plate's ability to be captured by automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology.

##### Penalties for Violations:

- A conviction for violating any portion of this section is subject to a fine of \$250 per item sold or per violation. Note, the fine applies individually to each product sold or each act of the violation. Multiple violations may lead to multiple fines.

The complete version of CVC 5201.1 can be found via the link below:

- [California Code, VEH 5201.1](#)

All sworn personnel in the Deputy Sheriff and Park Ranger ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than June 2, 2025.