

Citizen Plate Compliance Act – Draft

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Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to authorize citizens to safely remove obstructive license plate covers in public spaces to reduce risk to themselves and others, without requiring police involvement, while minimizing legal liability.

Section 1: Scope of Action

1. Citizens may remove **non-permanent, obstructive plate covers** from vehicles located on **public property only**.
2. Only the plate cover may be removed; no other vehicle property may be touched.
3. Intervention is prohibited on moving vehicles or in any scenario that could lead to confrontation.

Section 2: Legal Protection

1. Citizens acting within the rules of this Act are immune from:
 - Mischief or property damage charges related to the cover removal.
 - Civil liability arising from the removal of the plate cover.
2. Legal protection is **void** if:
 - Any part of the vehicle beyond the plate cover is damaged or altered.
 - Intervention escalates into pursuit, confrontation, or aggression.

Section 3: Proportionality & Safety Rules

1. Interventions must prioritize personal safety and avoid physical confrontation.
2. Actions must be discreet, minimizing exposure to both the citizen and the vehicle owner.
3. The removal must be limited to restoring compliance with visibility regulations; no additional enforcement is permitted.

Section 4: OSINT Justification & Evidence

1. Citizens may collect and cite **OSINT documentation** (public observation, video, or photographic evidence) to demonstrate patterns of regulatory non-compliance.
2. OSINT evidence may be used to defend lawful intervention if challenged in civil or criminal proceedings.
3. Patterns demonstrating repeated obstruction or high-risk areas strengthen legal justification for intervention.

Section 5: Enforcement Oversight

1. Police retain authority to investigate broader criminal activity, traffic accidents, or repeated abuse.
2. Citizen enforcement is legally valid **without prior police reporting**, provided it remains proportionate and in public spaces.
3. Systemic compliance data may be collected for policy and public safety analysis.

Section 6: Rationale

- Citizen intervention addresses systemic enforcement gaps in a safe and proportionate manner.
- Provides immediate mitigation of regulatory non-compliance while avoiding escalation and legal exposure.
- Supports a distributed, evidence-driven approach to public safety in alignment with structural accountability principles.

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