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While the regulation of motor vehicle registration falls within the state’s police power, HB 1995 introduces foreseeable and avoidable risks that may impact public safety, enforcement effectiveness, and evidentiary reliability.

First, the removal of front license plates materially reduces the ability of law enforcement to identify vehicles from forward-facing positions. This limitation affects routine patrol operations, traffic enforcement, and time-sensitive investigations such as stolen vehicle recovery and hit-and-run incidents. The reduction of a standard identification mechanism creates a predictable enforcement gap.

Second, the bill may impair evidentiary integrity in both criminal and civil proceedings. Many identification systems, including traffic cameras and surveillance systems, rely on front-facing imagery. Limiting vehicles to a single rear plate reduces available identification angles and may increase evidentiary ambiguity in future proceedings.

Third, the fiscal analysis reflects projected savings; however, it also acknowledges unknown cost impacts and operational disruptions, including the destruction of millions of existing plates and increased administrative burden. These transitional costs and system inefficiencies warrant further scrutiny.

Fourth, the bill permits optional issuance of a second plate for an additional fee. This creates a non-uniform system in which some vehicles remain more readily identifiable than others, potentially leading to inconsistent enforcement conditions.

Conclusion:

HB 1995 represents a permissible policy choice; however, it introduces identifiable risks related to enforcement capability, evidentiary reliability, and administrative implementation. These impacts should be carefully evaluated to ensure that any cost savings do not come at the expense of public safety and system effectiveness.



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I am in Support of this Bill and Legislative change by Requiring one (1) License Plate on every Vehicle.