

HOUSE No. 4387

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to license plates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
3 the following:-

4 The said number plates shall be kept clean with the numbers legible and shall not be
5 obscured in any manner by the installation of any device obscuring said numbers; provided, that
6 subject to rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the secretary the following shall not
7 be considered a violation if a number plate affixed to the front of the vehicle is plainly visible: (i)
8 a trailer hitch installed on a vehicle in a normal or customary manner, (ii) a tolling transponder
9 attached to the vehicle in a manner prescribed by the department, (iii) a wheelchair lift or
10 wheelchair carrier that is temporarily attached to a vehicle in a normal or customary manner, (iv)
11 a trailer being towed by a motor vehicle, or (v) a bicycle or motorcycle rack that is temporarily
12 attached in a normal or customary manner. During the period when the vehicle or trailer is
13 required to display lights the rear register number shall be illuminated so as to be plainly visible
14 at a distance of sixty feet.