

Infrastructure and Transportation

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To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers have noted an increase in the number of large displacement vehicles that are operating with the front and/or rear licence plates obscured by auxiliary equipment, such as “moose bumpers” and “D” or oversized signs.

The Highway Traffic Act of Manitoba provides:

Registration and plating of vehicles

4.2(1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle or tow a trailer on a highway, and no person who owns a motor vehicle or trailer shall permit another person to drive or tow it on a highway,

(a) unless

- (i) a registration card for the vehicle has been issued under *The Drivers and Vehicles Act* and is valid,
- (ii) the vehicle displays, in accordance with the regulations under that Act, the quantity and type of number plates that those regulations prescribe for use on a vehicle of its registration class, and
- (iii) the number plates display the vehicle's registration card number and, in accordance with the regulations under that Act, stickers showing the vehicle's registration class and that the registration is valid; ...

Further, the *Act* states:

Obstruction of number plate

4.25(1.1) No person shall drive or tow a vehicle on a highway if a number plate required to be displayed on the vehicle is obstructed in a manner that prevents or is capable of preventing any of the following information from being accurately captured by an image capturing enforcement system:

- (a) the jurisdiction or authority that issued the number plate;
- (b) the numbers or letters that make up the vehicle's registration number.

Operators must ensure that:

- the front and rear licence plates on straight trucks are visible at all times, and
- articulated units have the front plate on the truck-tractor and the rear plate on the trailer(s) visible at all times.

The fine for “Obstruction of Number Plate” is \$199.80. The following pictures illustrate violations of the provisions noted above.



Please ensure that the vehicles you operate are in compliance with the noted provisions. If you require clarification on the requirements of *The Highway Traffic Act*, please contact your local weigh station, or Motor Carrier Enforcement at 204.945.3890.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Brown", written in a cursive style.

D. Tim Brown
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