



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 133

Introduced by: **Senator** Brent "B.R." Hoffman

1 **An Act to modify the design of license plates to include the state motto.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 32-5-88 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-5-88.** The number plates authorized by § 32-5-82 ~~may~~must have impressed
5 thereon, in addition to the words and numerals set forth in § 32-5-84, the motto of this
6 state, Under God the People Rule, and a replica of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial
7 sculptured figures; provided, that ~~such~~the replica can be reproduced on a motor vehicle
8 license plate so as to be easily discernible, and ~~shall be~~is satisfactory as to the cost and
9 feasibility thereof to the Governor, secretary of revenue, and warden of the state
10 penitentiary. Any change to the number plate design must be implemented during the
11 next license plate reissue under § 32-5-83.

12 **Section 2. That § 32-5-169 be AMENDED:**

13 **32-5-169.** All emblem specialty plates ~~shall~~must be reflectorized and validated
14 with a sticker each year in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. The
15 emblem specialty plates shall read, Place Approved Emblem Here, to designate where the
16 emblem ~~shall~~must be placed on the plate. Emblem specialty plates may only be used on
17 automobiles, pickup trucks, or vans licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6, or motorcycles licensed
18 pursuant to § 32-5-9, ~~or pickup trucks licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.3.~~ Emblem specialty
19 plates ~~shall~~must be displayed in accordance with § 32-5-98. The plate must have
20 impressed the motto of this state, Under God the People Rule. The plate ~~shall~~must bear
21 a design of George Washington's face as depicted on Mount Rushmore upon approval by
22 the Department of Revenue. Any change to the emblem specialty plate design will be
23 implemented during the next license plate reissue under § 32-5-83.