

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE CONTRACTS

Title: CONCERNING AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER INFORMATION.

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Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

Raised Bill HB-5552 seeks to establish standards governing the use, retention, and sharing of automated license plate reader (ALPR) data, addressing growing concerns about privacy, data security, and government oversight. ALPR technology enables the collection of location-based data on individuals, often without their knowledge, raising significant civil liberties concerns. Because ALPR systems can track patterns of movement over time, the absence of uniform regulations creates the potential for misuse, overreach, or unauthorized data access.

Without explicit contractual requirements, state agencies may enter into agreements with vendors that lack sufficient safeguards on how data is stored, shared, or accessed. This creates inconsistencies across agencies and increases the risk that sensitive information could be retained indefinitely, shared with third parties, or accessed by federal entities without appropriate legal thresholds.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Changes definition of ALPR; changes ALPR user to vendor; excludes subpoenas and grand jury subpoenas from definition of a valid court order or warrant; prohibits storing ALPR information in a manner not in accordance with industry-recognized data security practices (such as encryption); permits disclosure of locations of any still or video image recording ALPR device and data other than ALPR information derived from the ALPR system, providing ALPR information is redacted.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Judicial Branch, External Affairs Division: Takes no position on the bill. Requests amended language in lines 78-80 of the bill from the word "preliminary" to "ex parte."

Freedom of Information Commission, Managing Director, Paula Pearlman: Takes no position on the bill. They highlight the strong public interest in transparency around law enforcement use of license plate reader data. They note that public records requests have been important in uncovering how this data is used, including by out-of-state agencies, and emphasize the need to balance confidentiality with public access to information.

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Commissioner, Ronnell A. Higgins: Supports this bill's goal of balancing public safety with privacy protections. They note that automated license plate readers are valuable tools for law enforcement. They recommend clarifying certain provisions, ensuring sensitive data remains protected, and aligning the bill with existing standards to avoid conflicts or gaps.

Connecticut Department of Transportation, Commissioner, Garret T. Eucalitto: Opposes this bill because it applies broad requirements to automated license plate readers that could also affect traffic safety cameras, which operate under strict privacy laws. They argue the bill may conflict with and weaken current protections, create confusion, and make it harder to enforce traffic safety programs designed to reduce accidents.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

League of Women Voters of Connecticut: Supports this bill because it strengthens safeguards on automated license plate reader and emerging technology data, limits access to personal identifying information, and ensures data is only shared with proper judicial authorization. They claim these protections will uphold privacy, civil liberties, and constitutional rights while maintaining public trust in law enforcement.

Felicia DeDominicis: Supports this bill because it would protect the privacy of people driving. She is concerned about information being shared with federal agencies.

Connecticut Council of Small Towns, Executive Director, Betsy Gara: Supports this bill because it would improve road safety by enforcing speed limits and other traffic safety laws. They have concerns about the language of the bill including broad definitions of traffic safety tools. In addition, they are concerned that the privacy protection in this bill would overlap and become confused with existing privacy laws.

Flock Safety, Director of Government Affairs, Kevin Kane: Supports this bill because license plate reader technology could be helpful for solving crimes, recovering stolen vehicles, and finding missing people. In addition, he supports the privacy protections of the bill on the grounds that they would build public trust. They want the bill to clearly require strong data security practices like encryption when data is stored and transmitted.

CT Section of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Vice Chair, Iyanna Liles: Supports this bill because it protects patient privacy and prevents sensitive data from being used to investigate or criminalize pregnancy and abortion care.

ACLU of CT, Policy Counsel, Jess Zaccagnino: Supports this bill as it would establish strong limits on how license plate reader data is collected, stored, and shared. They claim this helps protect personal privacy and prevent misuse of surveillance technology.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information, Katherine Revello: Opposes this bill's exemption of automatic license plate reader (ALPR) data, because they argue it would limit transparency and limit journalists and the public from monitoring how technology is used. They state that existing provisions address privacy concerns, while access to this data could help find potential misuse and ensure accountability.

Christina D: Opposes this bill as she believes that license plate readers need to go as they are hacked all the time. She would like to remove all tracking and reader meters.

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