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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 23, 2025
Bill No: SB 71

Sponsor: Sens. Wirth and Chandler
Short Title: Auto License Plate Reader Act

Agency Name and Code Regulation and Licensing Department-420
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
None	None	None	none

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
None	None	None	None	none

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	None	None	None	none

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: n/a

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: n/a

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB 71 creates the “Automatic License Plate Reader Act” that permits law enforcement, for investigatory purposes, to collect license plate information and to compare license plate data information collected with other state and federal government agencies and non-profits, such as the national center for missing and exploited children, data bases.

SB 71 defines how license plate information can be collected, maintained, used and retained.

SB 71 prohibits the sharing of license plate information except with third parties that conform with the requirements of the Act. SB 71 specifically prohibits the sale of license plate information to non-law enforcement agencies or vendors.

SB 71 requires any law enforcement agency to adopt rules concerning the retaining and deleting license plate data and to report annually to the legislature on the system’s practices and usages.

SB 71 prohibits law enforcement agencies from using the information collected to target an individual or group, community or geographic location based on civil rights protected status.

SB 71 makes information collected under the Act confidential and not subject to the Inspection of the Public Records Act with an exception involving registered owner(s) of the vehicle.

SB 71 does not directly affect the Regulation and Licensing Department

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct fiscal impact anticipated for the Regulation and Licensing Department if SB 71 is enacted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS