

HB 969 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

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In order to search a vehicle or person inside a vehicle regarding an alleged violation of law or ordinance, this bill requires the peace officer to read a statement specified in the bill to a person with the authority to provide permission to search the vehicle or to the person who would be subject to the search. The peace officer may conduct the requested search only if the person subject to the search consents, knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, in writing, to the search.

Every time a peace officer requests permission to conduct a search it must be documented in a written report with specific information contained in the bill, regardless of whether the request for permission to conduct a search was granted or denied.

A peace officer must complete a report whenever the peace officer conducts a nonconsensual search of a motor vehicle. The report must contain certain information as specified in the bill.

The bill requires the reports, and any association recordings, to be reviewed by the peace officer's supervisor within 14 days of the precipitating incident.