

HB 2686 -- UNINSURED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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The bill creates the "Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement and Compliance Incentive Program" within the Department of Revenue for the purpose of using technology and software to aid in detection of offenses involving uninsured motorists and noncompliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

The bill allows the department and any law enforcement agencies to enter into contractual agreements with automated license plate reader system providers for the purpose of accessing a database to determine whether the owner of a vehicle is in compliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility laws of this state. Any data collected and stored by law enforcement under this program shall be considered evidence if noncompliance is confirmed. Courts and prosecutors can access information from the database to confirm compliance with the states motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

Any person whose vehicle registration is suspended through this program may obtain reinstatement upon proof of compliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility law and upon payment of \$500 to the Department of Revenue or by a diversion participation fee of no less than \$200 if the person responds within the time noted on the notice of violation, agrees to secure insurance coverage as required and agrees such coverage shall be maintained for a minimum of one year. Fees collected shall be distributed as outlined in the bill.

Data collected through the use of an automated license plate reader system shall only be retained by a law enforcement agency for use as evidence of a violation of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law and when data is not or no longer needed as evidence of a violation, such data shall be deleted or destroyed. No law enforcement agency or other entity shall sell captured license plate data for any purpose or share it for any purpose not expressly authorized under this bill.

To participate in this program, an automatic license plate reader provider shall be fully certified by the International Justice and Public Safety Network and have experience operation similar programs.

The department and participating law enforcement agencies in the program shall annually issue a report to the General Assembly as required in the bill.