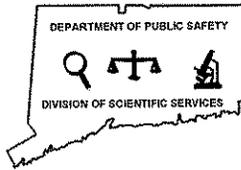




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**SB 985 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMATED VEHICLE INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM**

**The Department of Public Safety opposes this bill.**

The Department of Public Safety does not have any funding available to purchase or equip members of the Division of State Police with an automated insurance identification system. Due to state budget deficit and rescissions to the Department of Public Safety's equipment budget, equipment purchases are limited to items that are absolutely essential to its core mission function. To be successfully implemented, this proposal would require additional funds to the agency's budget.

The proposed language does state that the Commissioner of Public Safety may contract with a private entity to create such a system. Even if the intent is to privatize this function with some third party paying for equipment and taking a share of the revenue, there would still be significant fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety in that sworn personnel would have to extract information and issue the citations for violations.

Sincerely,

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