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*Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Melody A. Currey
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Proposed H.B. 6124
**AN ACT PROVIDING MUNICIPALITIES WITH ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS FOR TAXATION PURPOSES**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) appreciates the opportunity to discuss this issue. This bill would require DMV to provide all municipalities in the state with access to agency records to prove the residency of motor vehicle owners for the purposes of grand list determination.

DMV already provides each municipality, twice a year, with vehicle registration information of all residents who report to live in that municipality.

In addition, DMV has also made available to all municipality tax collectors and assessors an electronic database of motor vehicle information. This database allows users to look up registration, licensing and tax delinquency status information. DMV has notified all tax collectors and assessors about this database. To date, about 90 tax collectors and 15 assessors in the state have contacted DMV and have been connected to this database.

It is unclear to the Department what this bill is specifically requiring DMV to further provide to municipalities. However, it should be noted that any additional access to motor vehicle records raises concerns regarding the privacy and confidentiality of the information contained in those records, which is protected by state and federal law.