



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
Sen. Joan Hartley, Co-Chairman
Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

**HB 5391 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INSURANCE AND VEHICLE
REGISTRATION VERIFICATION SYSTEM**

***The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
opposes this bill.***

This proposed bill would require the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to contract with a for profit vendor to establish an insurance and vehicle registration system that would use cameras to detect vehicles that are uninsured or unregistered and assess fines on the owners of such vehicles.

Previous iterations of this proposal included having a for-profit company make the initial investment for the cameras in exchange for receiving a percentage of the fines that result.

There are a number of procedural problems that would result from this bill:

1. COLLECT only provides system access to Law enforcement / criminal justice agencies for law enforcement/criminal justices purposes only.
2. DESPP does not have the right to provide DMV data to non criminal justice agencies.
3. COLLECT does not own DMV data, DMV is the only agency that can grant access to their files.
4. COLLECT is a closed system and does not allow access over the internet.

5. DMV does not provide insurance information in the COLLECT responses. DMV would have to make program changes to send insurance information to COLLECT. COLLECT would also have to make program changes to accept and display the insurance information. COLLECT does not have access to DMV insurance data in any other format or other transaction code.
6. NLETS is a not for profit corporation. NLETS establishes its own contracts. The State of Connecticut does not have the right or authority to contract with a vendor on behalf of NLETS.
7. The State of Connecticut does not have the right or authority to allow a vendor to use the NLETS network.
8. NLETS does not maintain any data; it is a network that supplies a means of data exchange between states.
9. To meet the requirement of Sec 2, DMV and DESPP would need to expand the functions and services within their dispatch areas.

This proposed bill should not be approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reuben F. Bradford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER