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***Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles
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**H.B. No. 5462 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE OFFENSES**

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee.

I am submitting this testimony to raise concerns regarding H.B. 5462, AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS FOR OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE OFFENSES.

The stated purpose of this legislation is "to provide law enforcement the ability to determine whether a motor vehicle operator operating without a license is a repeat offender." The actual language of the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to adopt regulations in conjunction with the Chief Court Administrator to provide for the ability to report information in the computerized operator history file system regarding repeat violations of subsection (a) of section 14-36 of the general statutes.

Presently, the DMV operator control record contains all violations of an individual, including one who is unlicensed. The record of an unlicensed individual who has more than one offense of operating without a license in a three year period will reflect this status. These records currently are available to any law enforcement agency or department. Access to operator control histories by law enforcement officials varies based upon the systems used by the particular agency or department that is accessing the information. Therefore, the DMV believes that the issue is not the reporting of the information, but rather limitations on systems that law enforcement agencies employ to access the information.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit comments on this bill.