

FACT SHEET on An Act Establishing an Automated Vehicle Insurance Identification System

- Automated License Plate Recognition Systems (ALPR) put innocent citizens' privacy at risk and raise due process concerns regarding the detection of crime and enforcement of laws.

Privacy Concerns

- ALPRs identify, catalogue, and store the license plate numbers of every vehicle in their range, regardless of whether the operator of that vehicle is engaged in or suspected of a wrongful act or not.
 - The newest ALPRs can process one plate per second or nearly 30,000 plates for every eight-hour shift.
- The information from ALPRs can be used to track the location and path of a vehicle.
- The use of ALPRs creates a very real possibility that our every movement in an automobile will be tracked and recorded.
 - The result will be a serious reduction in the privacy Americans have always enjoyed.
- Without restrictions, ALPRs collect and indefinitely store data from each license plate capture. This allows law enforcement to monitor where citizens have traveled over an extended period of time.

Due Process Concerns

- The vast majority of vehicles and vehicle operators on the road are not engaged in criminal activity.
 - Data mining is not based upon any indication of suspicious conduct and does not adequately serve legitimate law enforcement interests.
- It is impossible for law enforcement to assure the public that ALPRs will remain focused on wrongdoers.
- Law enforcement will inevitably seek to maintain records of citizen's locations.
 - This is already happening in some states where ALPRs are being used.
- Statutory controls are needed to prohibit:
 - The systematic recording and storing of individual's vehicle times and locations
 - The sharing of data with private companies
- Maine and New Hampshire have laws restricting or limiting ALPR and ALPR data usage.

This technology is a perfect example of how technology has gotten ahead of our law. It demonstrates the need for comprehensive privacy legislation in Connecticut.