



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 232

LCO No. 1488



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS WITH AUTOMATED NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Automated number plate recognition system" means a system of
4 one or more mobile or fixed electronic devices that is capable of
5 recording data on, or taking a photograph of, a vehicle or its number
6 plate and comparing the collected data and photographs to existing law
7 enforcement databases for investigative purposes; and

8 (2) "Law enforcement unit" has the same meaning as provided in
9 section 7-294a of the general statutes.

10 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
11 thereafter, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
12 shall, within available appropriations, administer a program to provide
13 grants to law enforcement units to obtain automated number plate

14 recognition systems.

15 (c) Not later than October 1, 2024, the department shall develop
16 eligibility criteria to be used in selecting among applications from law
17 enforcement units for such grants, develop application forms and
18 deadlines and post in a conspicuous location on the department's
19 Internet web site a description of the grant program that includes, but is
20 not limited to, such criteria, forms and deadlines.

21 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
22 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
25 safety and security. Such report shall include information for the
26 preceding calendar year on the number of applications for grants that
27 were received, the number of grants that were awarded and a list of the
28 law enforcement units that received grants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*