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Bill Analysis

SB 1620 authorizes the use of automated license plate reader systems on rights-of-way to aid in criminal investigations or searches for missing or endangered persons. Such devices may not interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic nor may they be used to enforce state or local traffic violations. Automated license plate reader systems may be used to scan and identify vehicles and associated plates to identify stolen vehicles, vehicles involved in an active investigation, vehicles associated with missing or endangered persons, or vehicles that register as a match within the National Crime Information Center or any other relevant database. Law enforcement agencies must confirm the device meets all requirements outlined in the measure as well as adopt a policy governing the use of such a system. Agencies must also obtain a permit from the Department of Transportation to use such a system. The measure specifies that, prior to a law enforcement agent confirming the plate, a positive match by an automated license plate reader system shall not constitute reasonable suspicion as grounds for a traffic stop. Recorded vehicles shall be removed from the system within 30 days of being recorded unless the record is a part of an ongoing investigation. Any agency using such devices shall make available to the public a log of such system use updated on a monthly basis that displays the aggregate number of vehicles scanned as well as the policy for using the system.

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