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S.B. No. 1696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an automatic license plate reader pilot program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.0094 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.0094. AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "automatic license plate reader" means a system that reads and records license plate numbers taken from digital photographs.

(b) The department shall establish a pilot program in which automatic license plate readers may be installed in law enforcement motor vehicles used by the department for law enforcement.

(c) The program must include a request for proposal process to select a contractor for the installation of automatic license plate readers.

(d) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the program.

(e) Not later than December 1, 2012, the department shall file a report with the committee in each house of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over homeland security matters. The report must include:

(1) information regarding the use of automatic license plate readers by the department; and

(2) any other information that would assist the

1 legislature in evaluating the effectiveness of the use of automatic
2 license plate readers by the department.

3 (f) This section expires September 1, 2013.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.