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H.B. No. 5005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure under the public information law of a motor vehicle license plate number captured in a video recording maintained by a law enforcement agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.130, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The license plate number of a motor vehicle captured in a video recording maintained by a law enforcement agency is not confidential under this section or Chapter 730, Transportation Code, and may be included in a video recording disclosed under Section 552.021. This subsection does not preclude a law enforcement agency from asserting other exceptions to the disclosure of the information under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 730.007, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A law enforcement agency may release a video recording maintained by the law enforcement agency that includes the license plate number of a motor vehicle captured in the video in response to a request for public information under Chapter 552, Government Code. The law enforcement agency is not required to redact any license plate numbers before releasing the video.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.