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H.B. No. 5005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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