



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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a grant program for law enforcement units to obtain automated number plate recognition systems.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*