



# LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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## SB 250 - Protecting the Public While Protecting Privacy

SB 250 creates a program that offers protection for the public by identifying vehicles operating without insurance and vehicles involved in serious crimes. The use of an Automated License Plate Recognition System, (also called "ALPR" or simply, "LPR"), under this program enables safe, effective enforcement of the law without threatening individual privacy interests.

Public and private LPR systems are already in wide use in Louisiana and across the nation and the world. Even so, any expansion of technology rightfully raises concerns about invasions of privacy. Therefore, in developing this program, we have added features specifically designed to protect the privacy concerns of law-abiding citizens.

Here is how the program operates:

- The program created by SB 250 captures images of license plates of vehicles operating on public roads and matches them against the list of non-compliant motor vehicles to identify offenders. The system also checks for Amber alerts and felony criminal alerts.
- **Only the license plate and the rear of the vehicle will be captured by photograph. The driver of the vehicle is not photographed nor identified.**
- The owner of the vehicle is also not identified until and unless the license plate check identifies a non-compliant vehicle or a vehicle associated with felonious activity.
- There are three distinct types of data that will be accessed under this system: (1) license plate images that do not match with a list of non-compliant vehicles; (2) license plate images that match a list of vehicles involving criminal conduct [i.e., If a vehicle is on a Hot List and assumed stolen, driven by a wanted criminal or similar, an APB, (All Points Bulletin), or BOLO, (Be on Look Out), or similar can be issued with

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the intent of stopping the vehicle to then investigate]; and (3) license plate images that match a list of non-compliant vehicles.

- When a vehicle associated with a serious crime is identified, that data is forwarded to law enforcement, but is not maintained by this system.
- All data not retained as evidence in a compulsory insurance or a felony case is required to be purged after 60 days (a floor amendment will reduce this to 30 days).
- Even after the vehicle is identified as non-compliant, a potential citation must pass four separate checks to ensure accuracy.
- Once non-compliance is confirmed, law enforcement will issue a probable cause affidavit and the District Attorney's Office will screen the matter for prosecution, diversion, or dismissal.
- **This system cannot be used for red light or traffic enforcement.**
- **This system cannot track the location of individuals.**
- The Sheriff and District Attorneys involved in this program would control the use of all data gathered under this program.
- All system data is maintained in NLETS, a legal extension of Louisiana Law Enforcement and in a facility that has never, in over 45 years, been compromised.

**Conclusion:** The Statewide Motor Vehicle Theft and Uninsured Motorist Identification Program provides the least intrusive and most effective way to enforce our criminal and compliance laws without compromising the privacy concerns of Louisiana citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Pete Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

E. Pete Adams  
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