

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 348

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides for third party service providers and enforcement of motor vehicle liability security. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:1420.40, relative to law enforcement, to authorize local law enforcement

3 agencies to contract for administrative and logistical assistance related to motor

4 vehicle regulatory enforcement; to provide for limitations; to prohibit the delegation

5 of police powers; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:1420.40 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a sheriff,**

8 **municipal police department, or other local law enforcement agency may enter**

9 **into a contract with a licensed private service provider to provide**

10 **administrative and logistical assistance related to motor vehicle regulatory**

11 **enforcement, provided that a commissioned law enforcement officer has**

12 **initiated the enforcement action. A "service provider" for purposes of this**

13 **Section means any third party contractor providing services to law enforcement**

14 **for a city, municipality, or other local law enforcement entity.**

15 **B. A service provider operating pursuant to this Section may perform**

16 **the following functions:**

17 **(1) Plate processing and administrative handling of documentation.**

1 (2) Electronic verification of motor vehicle registration, insurance, or
2 compliance data using systems authorized by the office of motor vehicles.

3 (3) Preparation, generation, mailing, or electronic transmission of notices
4 of noncompliance or other administrative notices following issuance by a law
5 enforcement officer.

6 (4) Administrative coordination with towing or storage facilities at the
7 direction of a law enforcement officer.

8 (5) Recordkeeping, data entry, reporting, and other administrative tasks
9 required by law or by the contracting law enforcement agency.

10 C.(1) All services performed by a service provider pursuant to this
11 Section shall be performed only pursuant to documented direction of the
12 contracting law enforcement agency. After a lawful enforcement action has been
13 initiated by a commissioned law enforcement officer, a motorist may voluntarily
14 execute a written waiver consenting to:

15 (a) The voluntary surrender of the vehicle license plate by the motorist.

16 (b) The administrative handling of the license plate by a private service
17 provider.

18 (2) A waiver executed pursuant to this Subsection shall be voluntary,
19 documented in writing or electronic form, and retained in accordance with law
20 enforcement record keeping. No waiver executed pursuant to this Section shall
21 be construed to substitute for the lawful authority or actions of a commissioned
22 law enforcement officer.

23 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant police powers or
24 law enforcement authority to a service provider.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

enforcement agency may enter into a contract with a licensed private service provider to provide administrative and logistical assistance related to motor vehicle regulatory enforcement, provided that a commissioned law enforcement officer has initiated the enforcement action.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "service provider" and the functions that may be provided by the service provider including:

- (1) Plate processing and administrative handling of documentation.
- (2) Electronic verification of motor vehicle registration, insurance, or compliance data using systems authorized by the office of motor vehicles.
- (3) Preparation, generation, mailing, or electronic transmission of notices of noncompliance or other administrative notices following issuance by a law enforcement officer.
- (4) Administrative coordination with towing or storage facilities at the direction of a law enforcement officer.
- (5) Record keeping, data entry, reporting, and other tasks required by law or by the contracting law enforcement agency.

Proposed law provides all services performed by a service provider be performed only pursuant to documented direction of the contracting law enforcement agency. Proposed law further provides after a lawful enforcement action has been initiated by a commissioned law enforcement officer, a motorist may voluntarily execute a written waiver consenting to voluntary surrender a license plate and administrative handling of the license plate by a private service provider.

Proposed law provides a waiver be voluntary, documented in writing or electronic form, and retained for record keeping.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.40)