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Proposed law provides a sheriff, municipal police department, or other local law 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 a service provider's functions 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical change.