Amendment to SB 310

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Motor Vehicles; Words and Phrases Defined; Number Plate Scanning Device. RSA 259:68-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

259:68-a Number Plate Scanning Device. "Number plate scanning device" means a license plate reading device that uses automated high speed camera and optical character recognition technology to passively read, instantaneously identify against a list, check, send an audible or visual notice to the operator, and store for a prescribed period of time, a record of each number plate read, and may be capable of recording location, date, time, and other information, but shall not be capable of photographing or recording or producing images of the occupants of a motor vehicle.

- 2 Motor Vehicles; Use of Number Plate Scanning Devices Regulated. Amend RSA 261:75-b, I to read as follows:
- I. An LPR shall [be installed] only be installed or mounted to a vehicle that is attended to and operated by a law enforcement officer for the sole purpose of recording and checking license plates and shall not be capable of photographing or recording or producing images of the occupants of a motor vehicle.
- 3 New Section; Motor Vehicles; Private Use of Number Plate Scanning Devices Regulated. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 75-c the following new section:
- 261:75-d Private Use of Number Plate Scanning Devices Regulated. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 261:75-b, an owner of private property may obtain and use a license plate reader (LPR) device for the sole purpose of granting entry to vehicles whose owners have contracted individually with the property owner to have their license plate scanned in order to gain access to private property that is not open to the public. The LPR shall be installed for the sole purpose of recording and checking license plates and shall not be capable of photographing or recording or producing images of the occupants of a motor vehicle.
 - 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits the owners of private property to obtain and use a license plate reader under limited circumstances and otherwise stipulates their use on law enforcement vehicles.