

August 13, 2019

The Honorable Tim Hennessey
Chairman
Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee
313 Main Capitol Building
P. O. Box 202026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-2026

Dear Chairman Hennessey:

The Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) stands in support of HB 1509, the PennDOT two-in-one registration/inspection sticker as introduced by Representative Barry J. Jozwiak.

Troopers utilize a variety of tools to legally identify and stop unregistered, uninsured and uninspected vehicles. The absence of the registration sticker has hindered the ability of Troopers to engage and enforce sections of Title 75, the PA Vehicle Code.

The new two-in-one sticker will enhance the ability of the Trooper on the road to ensure that the motoring public is protected. It is imperative that the vehicles traveling across the commonwealth are properly registered, inspected and insured. This legislation will assist in accomplishing this goal.

If you should have any questions regarding PSTA's position on HB 1509 or would like to discuss with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Kennedy
President



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Dear Chairman Hennessey:

The Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) supports HB 317, the automated license plate reader (ALPR) data bill, as introduced by Representative Greg Rothman.

In the absence of registration stickers, Pennsylvania State Troopers in the field currently use ALPRs to gather information on drivers and vehicle registration compliance and consider these systems a valuable law enforcement tool. We support the provisions in the bill detailing the restrictions on who is authorized to operate ALPRs, under what conditions the ALPRs are used, for what purposes the data gathered can be used, and requirements for data stored and retention.

We agree that the Pennsylvania State Police should be the lead agency in creating the training standards governing the use and operation of ALPRs and develop policies governing data storage and retention. However, we caution the Legislature to be mindful that State Police personnel resources are stretched thin and that these new ALPR responsibilities should not take Troopers away from patrol responsibilities or place undue financial burdens on the State Police budget.

With this concern in mind, PSTA lends its support for HB 317.

Thank you and please let me know if you would like to discuss our position in more detail.

Sincerely,



David Kennedy
President

