SP0598, LD 1561, item 1, 124th Maine State Legislature An Act To Regulate the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras

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An Act To Regulate the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2117, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 223, §1, is amended to read:

The State or a municipality may not use a traffic surveillance camera to prove or enforce a violation of this Title or to collect data that could be used to uniquely identify a vehicle or individual. For purposes of this section, "traffic surveillance camera" means either an automated license plate recognition system or a device that, in conjunction with a lighted traffic-control device or a lane direction control device, as described in section 2057, subsections 1 and 3, or a speed measurement device as described in section 2075, subsection 4, automatically produces one or more photographs, one or more microphotographs, a videotape or any other recorded image of a vehicle at the time the vehicle is operated in violation of state law.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the use of traffic surveillance cameras to collect data that could be used to uniquely identify a vehicle or individual and adds automated license plate recognition systems to the list of regulated surveillance technology.