

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 894 (SB 348)**

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**Edmonds**

New law authorizes a sheriff, municipal police department, or other local law enforcement agency to 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.

New law provides for the definition of "service provider" and provides that a service provider's functions include the following:

- (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 administrative tasks required by law or by the contracting law enforcement agency.

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

New law requires that a waiver be voluntary, documented in writing or electronic form, and retained for record keeping.

New law provides that new law shall be applicable only to municipalities incorporated after Oct. 1, 2019. Provides that new law terminates on July 31, 2028.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.40)