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SENATE BILL 5262

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By Senators Kline, Brandland, and Shin

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1            AN ACT Relating to law enforcement access to driver's license  
2 photographs for the purposes of identity verification; and reenacting  
3 and amending RCW 46.20.118.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.118 and 2005 c 274 s 307 and 2005 c 246 s 23 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7            (1) The department shall maintain a negative file. It shall  
8 contain negatives of all pictures taken by the department of licensing  
9 as authorized by ((RCW 46.20.070 through 46.20.119)) this chapter.  
10 Negatives in the file shall not be available for public inspection and  
11 copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

12            (2) The department may make the file available to official  
13 governmental enforcement agencies to assist in the investigation by the  
14 agencies of suspected criminal activity or for the purposes of  
15 verifying identity.

16            (3) The department shall make the file available to the office of  
17 the secretary of state, at the expense of the secretary of state, to  
18 assist in maintenance of the statewide voter registration database.

1        (4) The department may also provide a print to the driver's next of  
2        kin in the event the driver is deceased.

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