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### Senate Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Committee Senate Bill 189 — Sponsor Testimony Tuesday November 12, 2019

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 189.

Senate Bill 189 would help protect innocent drivers and limit the amount of information shared on a driver's abstract provided by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

A driver abstract is a three-year report on a driver's record, which can be requested at any point, by anyone, for a fee of \$5. These abstracts can be used for various purposes, such as supplying a driving record for employment or used by an insurance company in determining a driver's policy.

Specifically, the abstract includes the following:

- Driver license record (name, address, physical description, etc.)
- Moving violations
- Convictions
- Suspensions
- Revocations
- Accident report listings
- Other requested information

A constituent of mine, Mr. Eric McCoy, brought two issues to my attention with these abstracts. First, the ORC does not include the length of time in which the abstract could cover. **This bill addresses this concern by clearly stating that a driver's abstract will only cover the three years prior to the date of a request.**

Mr. McCoy's second concern with abstracts was that even though a driver may not have been at fault for an accident, the accident would be included on the

abstract. **Senate Bill 189 addresses this concern by clarifying that only those accidents in which a driver was cited or found at fault would be included.**

Senate Bill 189 will protect innocent drivers, who should not be impacted in their search for employment or in obtaining an insurance policy by an accident in which was not due to their causing. It is time that this change occurs so that our constituents are not impacted by this in the future.

Thank you once again, Chairman Manning and the members of the committee, for the opportunity to present this issue to you today. I will be glad to answer any questions at this time.