**Summary**

- Requires the Department of Public Safety, including the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), to place an image of the BMV’s seal or emblem in a corner of a photograph or digital image of a person when the photograph is released for purposes specified in current law.

**Detailed Analysis**

**BMV seal or emblem requirement**

Current law allows the Registrar, or an employee or contractor of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), to disclose an individual’s personal information that the BMV obtained in connection with a motor vehicle record only in certain circumstances (such as for use by a government agency, including a court in a civil or criminal proceeding, or in connection with motor vehicle product recalls).\(^1\)

Under the bill, if the Registrar (or an employee or contractor of the BMV), discloses an individual’s photograph or digital image under these circumstances, the Registrar (or an employee or contractor of the BMV) must ensure that there is an image of the BMV’s seal or emblem in the corner of the photograph or digital image.\(^2\)

Additionally, if DPS releases a digitalized photographic record to a state, local, or federal government agency for criminal justice purposes, or to a court, DPS must ensure that there is an image of the BMV’s seal or emblem in the corner of the record.\(^3\)

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\(^1\) R.C. 4501.27(B).
\(^2\) R.C. 4501.27.
\(^3\) R.C. 4507.53.
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