

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 adding Section 6-117.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-117.1 new)

7 Sec. 6-117.1. Fingerprint identification.

8 (a) A fingerprint-based driver's license and
9 identification card is needed in light of terrorism and
10 identity theft. Linking digital photographs with a name
11 confirmed by fingerprints prevents and reduces fraud in
12 commercial transactions, transportation security, and
13 benefits provided by government entitlement programs.

14 The 150 Secretary of State facilities could be used to
15 create a data entry point with easy access to consumers, and
16 this could interface with the State Police's databank of
17 3,000,000 records in the Automated Fingerprint Identification
18 System. Our State infrastructure can also link with the
19 federal government.

20 The General Assembly finds that reliable biometric
21 identification for all driver's licenses and identification
22 cards issued by the Secretary of State is a positive step for
23 the safety and security of Illinois residents and personal
24 and public property. Fingerprint technology has been proven
25 to provide accurate, reliable, and timely identification in a
26 wide variety of applications, and the need will be even
27 greater as our country deals with terrorism.

28 (b) The Secretary of State and the Department of State
29 Police shall jointly develop policies and procedures to
30 capture and encode fingerprint information on driver's
31 licenses and identification cards issued by the Secretary.

1 (c) The Secretary and the Department of State Police
2 shall submit a report to the Governor and the General
3 Assembly not later than April 1, 2004 on the proposed
4 policies, procedures, costs of implementation, and any
5 recommended changes to administrative rules and laws.

6 (d) The Secretary shall implement procedures to capture
7 and encode fingerprint information on all Illinois residents
8 who wish to have that information on their driver's licenses
9 and identification cards issued on or after January 1, 2006.