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- Bill Summary :

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Overview

This bill amends the provisions related to the use of a motor vehicle in a prostitution offense. Under current law as interpreted by the supreme court, there must be a direct and substantial connection between the vehicle and the offense in order to support a forfeiture action. The bill clarifies that use in any way, including driving to or from the location of the offense, will be noted on the person's driving record and also supports an action for forfeiture.

Section

- Use of motor vehicle to patronize prostitutes; driving record notation. Directs the court to notify the commissioner of public safety if a vehicle is used by a patron in any way to commit a prostitution offense. Consistent with current law, the commissioner records that information on the person's driving record.
- **Vehicle forfeiture for prostitution offenses.** Permits forfeiture of a motor vehicle used in any way to commit or facilitate a prostitution offense. Clarifies that a vehicle used for transportation to or from the scene of a prostitution offense is subject to forfeiture.