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Overview

This bill establishes provisions governing an event recording device, which is a recording tool installed on a motor vehicle and designed to be retrieved after an accident. It restricts who can retrieve data on the device. It also requires disclosure by manufacturers if the device is installed on a vehicle, as well as disclosure in subscription service agreements if certain data from the device is recorded or transmitted. Violation of the provisions is a misdemeanor.

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1 Disclosure of existence of certain recording devices required. Requires disclosure of event recording devices installed by a manufacturer or used in a subscription service, and limits retrieval of event recording device data.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "event recording device" as a recording tool installed on a motor vehicle and designed to be retrieved after an accident. Specifies the types of data it could collect. Defines registered owner, new motor vehicle, and motor vehicle dealer.

Subd. 2. Sales prohibited. Requires disclosure by manufacturers, in the owner's manual, of any event recording device installed on a motor vehicle that is manufactured on or after January 1, 2007.

Subd. 3. Retrieval of data restricted. Restricts retrieval of data from an event recording device to the vehicle owner, unless:

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- the registered owner consents to retrieval;
- there is a court order;
- the data is retrieved for safety research purposes, provided that the vehicle owner's identity is protected;
- the data is retrieved by a dealer or repair facility for diagnostic purposes; or
- the retrieval is allowed under a subscription agreement.

Subd. 4. Restrictions on disclosure. Limits event recording device data retrieved for research purposes to be disclosed only to the researcher.

Subd. 5. Disclosure of data; subscription services. Requires disclosure within the service agreement if a vehicle subscription service includes recording or transmitting data on where a vehicle travels or whether an accident has occurred.

Subd. 6. Violations. Makes violation of the event recording device provisions a misdemeanor.