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amendments to LB 574.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is adopt the E & R amendments to LB 574. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM0692. (Legislative Journal page 873.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM0692, to LB 574.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Colleagues, this amendment was very much the product of the discussions with Senator Brashear, and Senator Brashear was instrumental in helping draft this amendment so I want to express and acknowledge that. When we had the discussion on General File with respect to LB 574, the digital driver's license bill, there were discussions and questions about the...the privacy of the data, protecting the data, making sure that...that it's done in such a way that we don't compromise personal information with respect to people. I think that is extremely important. And, yet, we have to have a workable process in order for these drivers' licenses to do us any good and to eventually provide a more secure way of identifying people who are purchasing liquor and that kind of thing, and also to facilitate renewing our drivers' licenses, hopefully on line eventually, we need to...we need to have the process intact. So this amendment does a couple of things, and let me...let me try to highlight those for you. This says that the...first of all, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the courts and law enforcement agencies may store or compile the information acquired from the operator's license or state identification card for their statutorily authorized purposes. I think it clear...it clarifies that, which the bill intended to provide for that originally. Secondly, any person having the use of this information and who does...who does store it cannot release it. If they do, it is a Class IV felony if it's an unauthorized release, and it is also a Class IV felony if anyone compiles or stores information that isn't authorized to do so by statute and by this law. Another thing that it does, that this amendment does, is it says that the machine-readable information which is encoded on the operator's