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Connected Vehicle Service Access

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New Information

- Effective July 1, 2025, new laws define the following:
 - A “covered provider” refers to a vehicle manufacturer that offers connected vehicle services.
 - “Connected vehicle services” is the capability to remotely obtain data from, or send commands to, a vehicle through a software application.
 - “Connected vehicle location access” allows a person outside the vehicle to view and track its location, which is included as part of connected vehicle services.
- Effective July 1, 2025, covered providers **must** establish a process for individuals to request the disconnection of connected vehicle access.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, covered providers **must** provide an in-vehicle mechanism for drivers to immediately disable the connected vehicle location access for vehicles manufactured before January 1, 2028, and equipped with connected vehicle location access and software update capabilities.
- Beginning January 1, 2028, vehicles equipped with connected vehicle location access **must**:
 - Allow drivers to access the connected vehicle location using an in-vehicle mechanism provided by the covered provider.
 - Indicate to a person inside the vehicle when someone outside the vehicle has accessed the connected vehicle service or location access.

Background

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is notifying the automotive industry of new connected vehicle service laws that will take effect on July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and January 1, 2028.

References

Senate Bill 1394 (Min, Ch. 655, Stats. 2023)

Vehicle Code, Chapter 6 Access to Connected Vehicle Service §§28200-28244

Distribution

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