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Chicago may get new weapon against vehicle-sticker scofflaws

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Investigators from the city clerk's office would be able to tap state driver's license records to nab Chicago sticker scofflaws under a measure advanced Tuesday by a City Council committee.

Investigators on patrol now are authorized to access only state license-plate information in an attempt to determine whether a vehicle that does not have a windshield sticker is registered at a city address. But some Chicago motorists list suburban business addresses on plate applications and have been able to evade detection, officials said. A check of driver's license data would allow investigators to determine if the owner lives in Chicago and should get a \$120 citation, they said.

City Clerk Miguel del Valle, who said investigators try to check parked vehicles in each city ward twice a year, was unable to estimate how many violators may be snagged using the new information.