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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
FOR SPECIAL USE REGISTRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-12b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) No motor vehicle registration shall be issued by the
4 commissioner for any private passenger motor vehicle, as defined in
5 subsection (e) of section 38a-363, or a vehicle with a commercial
6 registration, as defined in section 14-1, unless (1) the application for
7 registration is accompanied by a current automobile insurance
8 identification card or a copy of a current insurance policy or
9 endorsement issued by a company licensed to issue such insurance in
10 this state or an approved self-insurer or issued pursuant to the plan
11 established under section 38a-329, verifying that the applicant has the
12 required security coverage, and (2) the applicant signs and files with
13 the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided for in
14 section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the commissioner
15 that the owner of the vehicle has provided and will continuously
16 maintain throughout the registration period the minimum security

17 required by section 38a-371. In the case of an owner with a vehicle
18 located outside of the United States or Canada, the commissioner may
19 accept in lieu of the insurance identification card required to be
20 presented for issuance of the registration, an affidavit, in such form as
21 the commissioner shall require, executed by the owner and stating that
22 the vehicle will not be operated in the United States or Canada. In the
23 case of a special use registration issued pursuant to subsection (j) of
24 section 14-12, the commissioner may, in lieu of proof of insurance as
25 otherwise required by this section, accept proof, satisfactory to the
26 commissioner, of substantially equivalent or similar insurance issued
27 by an insurer licensed to transact business in the state in which the
28 motor vehicle is to be registered. The commissioner may require an
29 applicant for renewal of a motor vehicle registration for any private
30 passenger motor vehicle or vehicle with a commercial registration to
31 sign and file with the commissioner, under penalty of false statement
32 as provided for in section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by
33 the commissioner that the owner of the vehicle will continuously
34 maintain throughout the registration period the minimum security
35 required by said section 38a-371. Such form shall call for and contain
36 the name of the applicant's insurance company and policy number.

37 (b) For the purposes of this section and sections 14-12c, 14-213b, 14-
38 217 and 38a-364, a false statement includes presentation of a false or
39 fraudulent insurance identification card to the commissioner or to a
40 law enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, the term "current
41 automobile insurance identification card" includes a permanent card
42 with a future effective date provided the word "renewal" appears in
43 close proximity to the effective date on the card.

44 (c) A person presenting an insurance identification card to the
45 commissioner or to a law enforcement officer is deemed to have full
46 knowledge and understanding that presentation of the card means the
47 owner of the vehicle so registered has provided and will continuously
48 maintain throughout the registration period the minimum security
49 required by section 38a-371.

50 (d) The commissioner shall, upon receiving prima facie evidence of
51 a violation of this section, immediately forward the information to an
52 appropriate prosecuting official of the state of Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	14-12b

Statement of Purpose:

To allow Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to accept, for a vehicle issued a special use registration for the sole purpose of driving the vehicle to another state to be registered, as proof of insurance, insurance issued by an insurer in the other state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]