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Substitute House Bill No. 5238

House of Representatives, March 16, 2010

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. FONTANA, S. of the 87th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING VERIFICATION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
COVERAGE OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE DELIVERY OF
NEWSPAPERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) No person, as defined
2 in section 1-79 of the general statutes, shall hire or contract with an
3 individual to deliver or distribute newspapers or shopping news by
4 use of a motor vehicle, not including delivery or distribution to any
5 point for subsequent delivery or distribution, unless such person has
6 verified that such individual has a valid registration issued under part
7 III of chapter 246 of the general statutes and a current automobile
8 insurance identification card issued under section 38a-364 of the
9 general statutes for such motor vehicle.

10 (b) Each person who hires or contracts with an individual pursuant
11 to subsection (a) of this section shall inform such individual that (1)
12 such individual should have automobile insurance coverage that

13 covers the use of such individual's motor vehicle for such deliveries or
14 distribution, and (2) such individual should check with the issuing
15 insurer to ensure that such individual's automobile insurance policy
16 provides such coverage.

17 (c) Such person may (1) require the individual hired or contracted
18 with to provide, upon request, a current automobile insurance
19 identification card for such motor vehicle, and (2) terminate the
20 employment of or the contract with the individual if such individual
21 does not provide such card within ten calendar days of such request.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which prohibits employers and contractors from hiring an individual without valid motor vehicle registration and current auto insurance card for newspaper or shopping news delivery, does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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AN ACT REQUIRING VERIFICATION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE DELIVERY OF NEWSPAPERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits a person, as defined in law, from hiring or contracting with an individual to deliver or distribute newspapers or shopping news by motor vehicle unless the person verifies that the individual has a valid vehicle registration and current auto insurance identification card. The bill also requires the person to tell any individual it hires or contracts with to make such deliveries that he or she should (1) have auto insurance that covers such business use and (2) check with his or her auto insurer to ensure the policy provides that coverage.

The bill allows the person to require the hired or contracted individual to provide, upon request, a current auto insurance identification card. The person may also terminate the individual's employment or contract if he or she does not provide the card within 10 days of the request.

The bill excludes from the prohibition delivery or distribution to a drop-off location for subsequent delivery. A "person" is an individual, sole proprietorship, trust, corporation, limited liability company, union, association, firm, partnership, committee, club, or other organization or group of people.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/02/2010)