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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5252*****AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PROOF OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a person to present proof that he or she has automobile insurance in an electronic, rather than in a printed, format, to the motor vehicle commissioner, a police officer, or, in the case of an accident, another person. "Electronic format" includes displaying an image on a cell phone or other electronic device. Displaying such proof electronically does not give the commissioner, officer, or other person permission to view any other content on the phone or device.

The bill extends the penalty for providing the commissioner with forged proof of insurance to anyone who provides her with fraudulent electronic proof of insurance. A violator is guilty of a class D misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250, or both. (But by law, unchanged by the bill, anyone who provides her with fraudulent non-electronic proof of insurance is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both (CGS § 14-12b).) By law, anyone who fails to provide an officer or other person with proof of insurance upon request commits an infraction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)