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Committee Bill No. 4

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION OF
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

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 Section 14-12b of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2015*):

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 containing the information required in section 38a-
9 364 or a copy of a current insurance policy or endorsement issued by a
10 company licensed to issue such insurance in this state or an approved
11 self-insurer or issued pursuant to the plan established under section
12 38a-329, verifying that the applicant has the required security
13 coverage, and (2) the applicant signs and files with the commissioner,
14 under penalty of false statement as provided for in section 53a-157b, a
15 statement on a form approved by the commissioner that the owner of
16 the vehicle has provided and will continuously maintain throughout

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

38 (b) For the purposes of this title, the presentation of an automobile
39 insurance identification card to the commissioner or a law enforcement
40 officer may be satisfied by electronic format, including by display of an
41 electronic image on a cellular mobile telephone or other electronic
42 device, provided, if a person offers such identification card by display
43 of an electronic image on a cellular mobile telephone or other
44 electronic device, the commissioner or law enforcement officer may
45 not view, and offering such display shall not be construed to be
46 consent for the commissioner or law enforcement officer to view, any
47 content on such telephone or electronic device other than the
48 identification card.

49 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) For the purposes of this section and sections 14-12c, 14-213b,

50 14-217 and 38a-364, a false statement includes presentation of a false or
51 fraudulent insurance identification card to the commissioner or to a
52 law enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, the term "current
53 automobile insurance identification card" includes a permanent card
54 with a future effective date provided the word "renewal" appears in
55 close proximity to the effective date on the card.

56 [(c)] (d) A person presenting an insurance identification card to the
57 commissioner or to a law enforcement officer is deemed to have full
58 knowledge and understanding that presentation of the card means the
59 owner of the vehicle so registered has provided and will continuously
60 maintain throughout the registration period the minimum security
61 required by section 38a-371.

62 [(d)] (e) The commissioner shall, upon receiving prima facie
63 evidence of a violation of this section, immediately forward the
64 information to an appropriate prosecuting official of the state of
65 Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-12b

Statement of Purpose:

To permit an automobile insurance identification card to be presented electronically to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or a law enforcement officer.

[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.]

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