AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PROOF OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

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

Section 1. Section 14-12b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2018):

(a) No motor vehicle registration shall be issued by the commissioner for any private passenger motor vehicle, as defined in subsection (e) of section 38a-363, or a vehicle with a commercial registration, as defined in section 14-1, unless (1) the application for registration is accompanied by a current automobile insurance identification card containing the information required in section 38a-364 or a copy of a current insurance policy or endorsement issued by a company licensed to issue such insurance in this state or an approved self-insurer or issued pursuant to the plan established under section 38a-329, verifying that the applicant has the required security coverage, and (2) the applicant signs and files with the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided for in section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the commissioner that the owner of
the vehicle has provided and will continuously maintain throughout
the registration period the minimum security required by section 38a-
371. In the case of an owner with a vehicle located outside of the
United States or Canada, the commissioner may accept in lieu of the
insurance identification card required to be presented for issuance of
the registration, an affidavit, in such form as the commissioner shall
require, executed by the owner and stating that the vehicle will not be
operated in the United States or Canada. In the case of a special use
registration issued pursuant to subsection (j) of section 14-12, the
commissioner may, in lieu of proof of insurance as otherwise required
by this section, accept proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, of
substantially equivalent or similar insurance issued by an insurer
licensed to transact business in the state in which the motor vehicle is
to be registered. The commissioner may require an applicant for
renewal of a motor vehicle registration for any private passenger
motor vehicle or vehicle with a commercial registration to sign and file
with the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided
for in section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the
commissioner that the owner of the vehicle will continuously maintain
throughout the registration period the minimum security required by
said section 38a-371. Such form shall call for and contain the name of
the applicant’s insurance company and policy number.

(b) For the purposes of this title, the requirement that a person
present an automobile insurance identification card to the
commissioner or a law enforcement officer may be satisfied by
electronic means, including by display of an electronic image on a
cellular mobile telephone or other electronic device, except that if a
person presents such insurance identification card by display of an
electronic image on a cellular mobile telephone or other electronic
device, the commissioner or law enforcement officer may not view,
and offering such display shall not be construed to be consent for the
commissioner or law enforcement officer to view, any content on such
telephone or electronic device other than the insurance identification
card. Neither the state nor a municipality, nor any agency or employee
of the state or a municipality, shall be liable for any damage to or
destruction of a cellular mobile telephone or other electronic device
provided to the commissioner or a law enforcement officer for the
purpose of displaying an electronic image of an automobile insurance
identification card.

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

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

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

Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 38a-343a of the
2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2018):

(a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require each
insurer that issues policies in this state to notify said commissioner
monthly, on a date specified by said commissioner, of the cancellation
and addition by the insurer of all such policies that occurred during
the preceding month. Such notice shall include the name of the named
insured in the policy, the policy number, the vehicle identification
number of each automobile covered by the policy and the effective
date of the policy's cancellation. Said commissioner shall specify an acceptable method of notification. The method of notification specified may include computer tapes or electronic transmission.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1       | October 1, 2018 | 14-12b          |
| Sec. 2          | October 1, 2018 | 38a-343a(a)(1)  |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To permit automobile insurance identification cards to be provided electronically for motor vehicle traffic stops and registration of motor vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

[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.]