

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning proof of required documents for motor vehicle operation.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Tom, Rivers, Becker, Holmquist Newbry, Schoesler, Ericksen, Padden, Bailey, Hill and Honeyford).

Senate Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Persons operating vehicles in Washington are required to carry proof that they are covered by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy, self-insurance, a certificate of deposit, or a liability bond. Insurance companies that issue or renew motor vehicle liability insurance policies must provide the policyholder with an insurance identification card.

Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer creates a presumption that the person does not have insurance. Failure to provide proof of insurance is a traffic infraction.

Summary: The options for providing proof of insurance and registration are expanded. A policyholder may provide proof of insurance and registration to a law enforcement officer either through information displayed on a card, paper, or on a portable electronic device. If a policyholder provides a portable electronic device for proof of insurance, the policyholder assumes all liability for any damage to the portable electronic device while in the possession of the law enforcement officer.

The viewing of content on a portable electronic device is limited when used for proof of insurance. A law enforcement officer may only use the portable electronic device to view and verify proof of insurance and is restricted from viewing or browsing for other content on the portable electronic device.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate reconsidered)
House	94	1	

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