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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many motor vehicle  
2 insurance companies offer insurance documents through  
3 applications on mobile electronic devices. This electronic  
4 proof of coverage gives drivers a convenient, paperless way to  
5 display up-to-date insurance information.

6           The legislature further finds that more states are  
7 recognizing the widespread use of mobile technology and updating  
8 motor vehicle insurance laws accordingly. Currently, thirty-  
9 seven states permit drivers to use an electronic copy of their  
10 insurance card as valid proof of insurance. The acceptance of  
11 this technology has grown rapidly since March 2012, when Idaho  
12 became the first state in the country to accept electronic motor  
13 vehicle insurance cards.

14           The legislature concludes that owners and drivers of motor  
15 vehicles in Hawaii should also be provided with electronic  
16 options for proof of insurance.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow proof of  
2 motor vehicle insurance to be displayed in electronic format on  
3 a mobile electronic device.

4           SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (i) to read as follows:

6           "(i) As part of the inspection required by this section,  
7 the owner of the vehicle to be inspected shall produce and  
8 display the motor vehicle insurance identification card for the  
9 inspected motor vehicle required by section 431:10C-107 or the  
10 proof of insurance card required by section 431:10G-106.

11           The owner of the vehicle may display the authenticated  
12 motor vehicle insurance identification card or the proof of  
13 insurance card in electronic format on a mobile electronic  
14 device, as defined in section 291C-137.

15           If no card is displayed, then the sticker authorized by the  
16 director shall not be affixed to the vehicle and the certificate  
17 of inspection shall not be issued."

18           SECTION 3. Section 286-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

20           "(d) As part of the examination required by this section,  
21 the applicant for a driver's license shall produce and display a



1 valid motor vehicle or liability insurance identification card  
2 for the motor vehicle required by sections 431:10C-107 and  
3 431:10G-106, when the applicant demonstrates the ability to  
4 operate a motor vehicle to the satisfaction of the examiner of  
5 drivers.

6 The applicant may display the authenticated motor vehicle  
7 or liability insurance identification card in electronic format  
8 on a mobile electronic device, as defined in section 291C-137.

9 If no valid motor vehicle or liability insurance  
10 identification card is displayed, the examiner of drivers shall  
11 not issue a driver's license to the applicant."

12 SECTION 4. Section 286-116, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) Every licensee shall have a valid driver's license in  
15 the licensee's immediate possession at all times, and a valid  
16 motor vehicle or liability insurance identification card  
17 applicable to the motor vehicle operated as required under  
18 section 431:10C-107 and section 431:10G-106, when operating a  
19 motor vehicle, and shall display the same upon demand of a  
20 police officer. Every police officer or law enforcement officer  
21 when stopping a vehicle or inspecting a vehicle for any reason



1 shall demand that the driver or owner display the driver's or  
2 owner's driver's license and insurance identification card.

3 Upon demand, the driver or owner may display the driver's  
4 or owner's authenticated insurance identification card in  
5 electronic format on a mobile electronic device, as defined in  
6 section 291C-137. For the purposes of this section, when a  
7 person uses a mobile electronic device to display an  
8 authenticated insurance identification card to a police officer  
9 or law enforcement officer, the officer may only view the  
10 authenticated insurance identification card and is otherwise  
11 prohibited from viewing any other content on the mobile  
12 electronic device. Whenever a person presents a mobile  
13 electronic device pursuant to this section, that person assumes  
14 all liability for any damage to the mobile electronic device.

15 No person charged with violating this section shall be  
16 convicted if the person produces in court, or proves from the  
17 proper official or other records that the person was the holder  
18 of a driver's license or a motor vehicle or liability insurance  
19 identification card and policy conforming to article 10C and  
20 article 10G of chapter 431 or a certificate of self-insurance  
21 issued by the insurance commissioner pursuant to section



1 431:10C-107 and section 431:10G-103, theretofore issued to the  
2 person and valid at the time of the person's arrest."

3 SECTION 5. Section 431:10C-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
4 is amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as  
5 follows:

6 "(b) The identification card shall be in the insured motor  
7 vehicle or carried by the operator of the insured motor vehicle  
8 at all times and shall be exhibited to a law enforcement officer  
9 upon demand.

10 (c) The identification card may be issued in either paper  
11 or authenticated electronic format; provided that the  
12 authenticated identification card shall be resistant to forgery  
13 by whatever means appropriate. Acceptable electronic formats  
14 shall include the display of authenticated electronic images on  
15 a mobile electronic device, as defined in section 291C-137. The  
16 commissioner shall approve the construction, form, and design of  
17 the identification card to ensure that the card is forgery  
18 resistant."

19 SECTION 6. Section 431:10G-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
20 is amended to read as follows:



1           "§431:10G-106 Verification of insurance. Every insurer  
2 shall issue to each of its insureds a proof of insurance card  
3 for each motorcycle or motor scooter for which a liability  
4 policy under this article is written. The proof of insurance  
5 card may be issued in either paper or authenticated electronic  
6 format. Acceptable electronic formats shall include the display  
7 of authenticated electronic images on a mobile electronic  
8 device, as defined in section 291C-137. The proof of insurance  
9 card shall show the following:

- 10           (1) Name, make, year, and factory or serial number of the  
11           motorcycle or motor scooter; provided that insurers of  
12           five or more motorcycles or motor scooters that are  
13           under common registered ownership and used in the  
14           regular course of business shall not be required to  
15           indicate the name, make, year, and the factory or  
16           serial number of each motorcycle or motor scooter;  
17           (2) Policy number;  
18           (3) Names of the insured and the insurer; and  
19           (4) Effective dates of coverage including the expiration  
20           date.



1 The proof of insurance card shall be carried on the person  
2 operating the insured motorcycle or motor scooter at all times  
3 and shall be exhibited to a law enforcement officer upon  
4 demand."

5 SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 8. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Insurance; Electronic Proof of Insurance; Mobile Electronic Device

**Description:**

Allows proof of motor vehicle insurance to be displayed in authenticated electronic format on a mobile electronic device.  
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