

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Rosenthal Sen. Tochtrop; Balmer	Bill Status: House Transportation and Energy Fiscal Analyst: Jonathan Senft (303-866-3523)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal reduction. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows drivers to show proof of insurance on a cell phone or other portable mobile device. It also allows insurance companies to issue proof of insurance either in paper or electronic format. The bill indemnifies law enforcement from unintentional damages occurring while the device is handled to verify insurance status, and prohibits law enforcement from exploring the contents of the device other than to examine the driver's insurance.

State Expenditures

Because this bill eases barriers to prove vehicle insurance, it may reduce the number of citations given to those who have a policy in effect, but who are unable to demonstrate it because they do not have a paper-form proof of insurance. It will not, however, affect the number of convictions issued for failure to have vehicle insurance. Under current law, no person can be convicted of failing to have vehicle insurance if the person produces evidence in court that shows a policy was in effect at the time of the alleged violation. Historically, approximately 85 percent of the charges for failure to present proof of insurance are dropped among the Judicial Department's courts.

Local Government Impact

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Departments Contacted

Counties
Public Safety
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Municipalities
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Revenue