

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 HB3155

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Charles Meier

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/7-603.5

Amends the Mandatory Insurance Article of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows a person to provide a copy of an insurance card as a way to provide proof of insurance on the date the Secretary of State attempts to verify a person has insurance on the person's motor vehicle.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 7-603.5 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/7-603.5)
- Sec. 7-603.5. Electronic verification of a liability insurance policy.
- 9 (a) The Secretary may implement a program of electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification for 10 motor vehicles subject to Section 7-601 of this Code for the 11 purpose of verifying whether or not the motor vehicle is 12 13 insured. The development and implementation of the program 14 shall be consistent with the standards and procedures of a nationwide organization whose primary membership consists of 15 16 individual insurance companies and insurance 17 associations. The program shall include, but is not limited 18 to:
- 19 (1) a requirement that an insurance company authorized 20 to sell motor vehicle liability insurance in this State 21 shall make available, in a format designated by the 22 Secretary that is consistent with a nationwide 23 organization whose primary membership consists of

1	individual	insurance	companies	and	insurance	trade
2	organization	ns, to the	Secretary	for ea	ch motor	vehicle
3	liability i	nsurance p	olicy issu	ed by	the compa	iny the
4	following ir	nformation:				

- (A) the name of the policy holder;
- (B) the make, model, year, and vehicle identification number of the covered motor vehicle;
 - (C) the policy number;
 - (D) the policy effective date;
- (E) the insurance company's National Association of Insurance Commissioner's number; and
- (F) any other information the Secretary deems necessary to match an eligible vehicle with an insurance policy;
- (2) a method for searching motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued and in effect in this State by using the information under paragraph (1) of this subsection (a);
- (3) a requirement that at least twice per calendar year, the Secretary shall verify the existence of a liability insurance policy for every registered motor vehicle subject to Section 7-601 of this Code; and if the Secretary is unable to verify the existence of a liability insurance policy, the Secretary shall, by U.S. mail or electronic mail, send the vehicle owner a written notice allowing the vehicle owner 30 calendar days to provide

proof of insurance, such as a copy of an insurance card, on the date of attempted verification, or to provide proof that the vehicle is no longer operable;

- (4) a requirement that a vehicle owner who does not provide proof of insurance or proof of an inoperable vehicle under paragraph (3) of this subsection (a) shall be in violation of Section 7-601 of this Code and the Secretary shall suspend the vehicle's registration and the owner shall pay any applicable reinstatement fees and shall provide proof of insurance before the Secretary may reinstate the vehicle's registration under Section 7-606 of this Code;
- (5) a requirement that if a vehicle owner provides proof of insurance on the date of the attempted verification under paragraph (3) of this subsection (1), the Secretary may verify the vehicle owner's response by furnishing necessary information to the insurance company. Within 7 calendar days of receiving the information, the insurance company shall confirm and notify the Secretary the dates of the motor vehicle's insurance coverage. If the insurance company does not confirm coverage for the date of attempted verification, the Secretary shall suspend the vehicle's registration and the owner of the vehicle shall pay any applicable reinstatement fees and shall provide proof of insurance before the Secretary may reinstate the vehicle's registration under Section 7-606

1 of this Code;

- (6) a requirement that the Secretary may consult with members of the insurance industry during the implementation of the program, including, but not limited to, during the drafting process for adopting any rules that may be necessary to implement or manage an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy verification program;
- (7) a requirement that commercial lines of automobile insurance are excluded from the program, but may voluntarily report insurance coverage to the State.
- (b) In addition to the semi-annual verification of liability insurance under subsection (a) of this Section, the Secretary may select monthly verification for a motor vehicle owned or registered by a person:
 - (1) whose motor vehicle registration during the preceding 4 years has been suspended under Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code;
 - (2) who, during the preceding 4 years, has been convicted of violating Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code while operating a vehicle owned by another person;
 - (3) whose driving privileges have been suspended during the preceding 4 years;
 - (4) who, during the preceding 4 years, acquired ownership of a motor vehicle while the registration of the

- vehicle under the previous owner was suspended under

 Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code; or
 - (5) who, during the preceding 4 years, has received a disposition of court supervision under subsection (c) of Section 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections for a violation of Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code.
 - (c) Nothing in this Section provides the Secretary with regulatory authority over insurance companies.
 - (d) The Secretary may contract with a private contractor to carry out the Secretary's duties under this Section.
 - (e) Any information collected, stored, maintained, or referred to under this Section shall be used solely for the purpose of verifying whether a registered motor vehicle meets the requirements of Section 7-601 of this Code and shall be exempt from a records request or from inspection and copying under the Freedom of Information Act. A request for release of verification of liability insurance policy information from the Secretary shall require a court order, subpoena, or the motor vehicle owner's approval.
 - (f) An insurer identified by an electronic motor vehicle liability insurance policy program as insuring less than 1,000 vehicles per year shall be exempt from the reporting requirements under subsection (a) of this Section.
- 24 (g) The Secretary may adopt any rules necessary to 25 implement this Section.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 100-373, eff. 1-1-18.)