

SENATE FILE NO. SF0027

Motor vehicle insurance verification.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring the department  
2 of transportation to establish an accessible common carrier  
3 based motor vehicle insurance verification system, as  
4 specified; requiring motor vehicle insurers to provide  
5 policy information for the verification system, as  
6 specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an  
7 effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-4-103 by creating a new subsection  
12 (e) and 31-8-203(a) are amended to read:

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14 **31-4-103. Failure to maintain liability coverage;**  
15 **penalties; exceptions.**

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1       (e) The department shall adopt by rule and regulation  
2 an on-line verification system for motor vehicle insurance  
3 or bond as required by this section, subject to the  
4 following:

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6       (i) The verification system shall be accessible  
7 through the Internet, World Wide Web or a similar  
8 proprietary or common carrier electronic system by  
9 authorized personnel of the department, the courts, law  
10 enforcement personnel, any other entities authorized by the  
11 department, and insurers authorized by the insurance  
12 department to issue the insurance required by this section;

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14       (ii) The verification system shall be available  
15 twenty-four (24) hours a day to verify the insurance status  
16 of any vehicle registered in Wyoming through the vehicle's  
17 identification number, policy number, registered owner's  
18 name or other identifying characteristic or marker as  
19 prescribed by the department in its rules and regulations;

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21       (iii) The verification system shall be installed  
22 and operational no later than January 1, 2008, following an  
23 appropriate testing period;

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1           (iv) The department may contract with a private  
2 vendor to assist in establishing and maintaining the  
3 verification system, which may include a database of  
4 information reported to the department by insurers or may  
5 provide for direct inquiry of insurers' records by  
6 authorized personnel;

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8           (v) The verification system shall include  
9 appropriate provisions, consistent with industry standards,  
10 to secure its data against unauthorized access and to  
11 maintain a record of all information requests;

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13           (vi) Information contained in the verification  
14 system shall not be considered a public record.

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16           **31-8-203. Verification of insurance; enforcement by**  
17 **insurance commissioner.**

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19           (a) If the department has reason to believe a vehicle  
20 owner is not insured as required under W.S. 31-4-103, it  
21 may request an insurer to verify the existence of an  
22 automobile liability policy in a form approved by the  
23 department not later than twenty (20) days from the date  
24 the request is made. ~~W.S. 31-8-201 through 31-8-203 shall~~

1 ~~not be construed to require an insurer to report at any~~  
2 ~~time other than upon the specific request of the department~~  
3 ~~for information.~~ In addition, insurers shall cooperate with  
4 the department in establishing and maintaining the  
5 insurance verification system provided by W.S. 31-4-103(e),  
6 and shall provide access to motor vehicle insurance policy  
7 status information as provided in the department's rules  
8 and regulations.

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10 **Section 2.** Two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
11 (\$250,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
12 department of transportation for the purposes of this act.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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16 (END)