

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB243**

**Bill Subtitle: TO PERMIT THE ELECTRONIC DISPLAY OF PROOF OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROOF OF INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION PURPOSES.**

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**Basic Change :**

Senator Teague

SB243 provides that a person may provide proof of motor vehicle liability insurance in electronic form on a cellular phone or mobile device at the time of initial registration or renewal or when requested by law enforcement during a traffic stop. Under the bill, a person that wishes to provide electronic proof of insurance at the time of registration or during a traffic stop must be able to display such proof as clearly as paper proof of insurance. Current law provides that proof of insurance may be provided either through a check of the motor vehicle insurance data base, or the applicant may provide paper proof of insurance. Under this bill, proof of insurance may also be provided in an electronic form using a portable electronic device if that device has sufficient functionality and display capability to provide the information currently required by law.

The bill provides that the presentment of proof of insurance in electronic form does not authorize a search of any other content of an electronic device without a search warrant or probable cause, or expand or restrict the authority of a law enforcement officer to conduct a search or investigation.

**Revenue Impact :**

None

**Taxpayer Impact :**

In addition to the current methods for establishing proof of insurance for a motor vehicle, citizens will also be allowed to establish proof of insurance through an electronic device.

**Resources Required :**

None

**Time Required :**

Adequate time provided.

**Procedural Changes :**

Revise Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual to reflect the new method for proof of insurance and distribute revisions to State Revenue Offices.

**Other Comments :**

None.

**Legal Analysis :**

This bill does not have an effective date or emergency clause.