
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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CUTLER, R. MILLER, BRADFORD AND BENNINGHOFF,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for
3 manner of providing proof of financial responsibility and for
4 required financial responsibility.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1782(d) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 1782. Manner of providing proof of financial responsibility.

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12 (d) Financial responsibility identification cards.--Insurers
13 shall provide financial responsibility identification cards to
14 insureds which shall be valid only for the period for which
15 coverage has been paid by the insured. If the insured and
16 insurer both agree, the insurer may issue the financial
17 responsibility identification card solely in electronic format.

1 Financial responsibility identification cards shall disclose the
2 period for which coverage has been paid by the insured and shall
3 contain such other information as required by the Insurance
4 Department. In such instance where the insured has financed
5 premiums through a premium finance company or where the insured
6 is on an insurer-sponsored or agency-sponsored payment plan,
7 financial responsibility identification cards may be issued for
8 periods of six months even though such payment by the insured
9 may be for a period of less than six months. Nothing in this
10 subsection shall be construed to require the immediate issuance
11 of financial responsibility identification cards where an
12 insured replaces an insured vehicle, adds a vehicle or increases
13 coverages under an existing policy for which a premium
14 adjustment is required.

15 (e) Immunity.--If an insured chooses to provide proof of
16 financial responsibility to be viewed in an electronic format on
17 an electronic device pursuant to section 1786 (relating to
18 required financial responsibility), a police officer
19 administering in good faith this subchapter shall be immune from
20 any civil or criminal liability which arises from the insured's
21 choice, including the inadvertent viewing of materials on the
22 device other than the proof of financial responsibility,
23 inadvertent deletion of information from the device, inadvertent
24 interception of a communication while in possession of the
25 device and breakage which occurs to the device.

26 Section 2. Section 1786(c) of Title 75 is amended to read:
27 § 1786. Required financial responsibility.

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29 (c) Consent to produce proof of financial responsibility.--
30 Upon registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle

1 registration, the owner of the motor vehicle shall be deemed to
2 have given consent to produce proof, upon request, to the
3 Department of Transportation or a police officer that the
4 vehicle registrant has the financial responsibility required by
5 this chapter. Proof of financial responsibility may be satisfied
6 under this chapter by production of a financial responsibility
7 identification card in paper or electronic form. If an owner of
8 a motor vehicle is providing electronic proof of financial
9 responsibility to a police officer, the police officer shall
10 only view content that is reasonably necessary to demonstrate
11 proof of financial responsibility. The owner of the electronic
12 device assumes liability for any damage to the electronic device
13 containing the financial responsibility identification card
14 while in possession of the police officer or agents of the
15 department.

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.