

House File 299 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to require proof of financial liability coverage upon
2 registration of a motor vehicle.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1838HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If the vehicle is a motor vehicle, the
1 4 owner shall certify on the application that financial
1 5 liability coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle and
1 6 provide a copy of the proof of financial liability coverage
1 7 card issued for the motor vehicle, a description of the
1 8 financial liability coverage as noted on the proof of
1 9 financial liability coverage card, or other documentation
1 10 acceptable to the department. This paragraph does not apply
1 11 to a motor vehicle registered as a "limited use" vehicle
1 12 pursuant to sections 321.58 through 321.62 or section 321.115.
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 321.30, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 14 the following new subsection:
1 15 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The department or the county treasurer
1 16 shall refuse registration of a motor vehicle if the owner does
1 17 not provide satisfactory certification that financial
1 18 liability coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle. This
1 19 subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle registered as a
1 20 "limited use" vehicle pursuant to sections 321.58 through
1 21 321.62 or section 321.115.
1 22 Sec. 3. Section 321.40, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 23 the following new subsection:
1 24 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. A form for certification of financial
1 25 liability coverage shall accompany each renewal statement sent
1 26 to the owner of a motor vehicle under this section. The
1 27 county treasurer shall refuse to renew the registration of a
1 28 motor vehicle if the applicant does not submit certification
1 29 of financial liability coverage in effect for the motor
1 30 vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle
1 31 registered as a "limited use" vehicle pursuant to sections
1 32 321.58 through 321.62 or section 321.115.

EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill requires the owner of a motor vehicle to certify
1 35 that financial liability coverage is in effect for the vehicle
2 1 at the time the vehicle is registered and each time the
2 2 registration is renewed. At the time of application for
2 3 registration of a motor vehicle, the owner is required to
2 4 provide a copy of the proof of financial liability coverage
2 5 card issued for the motor vehicle, a description of the
2 6 coverage as noted on the card, or other documentation
2 7 acceptable to the department of transportation. The
2 8 department or the county treasurer shall not register a motor
2 9 vehicle or renew a registration in the absence of satisfactory
2 10 proof that financial liability coverage is in effect for the
2 11 vehicle.
2 12 Motor vehicles that are registered as "limited use"
2 13 vehicles, such as certain antique vehicles and vehicles in a
2 14 dealer's inventory, are exempt from the requirements under the
2 15 bill.
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