

**Senate File 2001 - 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:

1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 1, Code 2022, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. If the vehicle is a motor vehicle, the  
4 owner shall certify on the application that financial liability  
5 coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle pursuant to section  
6 321.20B and provide a copy of the proof of financial liability  
7 coverage card issued for the motor vehicle, a description of  
8 the financial liability coverage as noted on the proof of  
9 financial liability coverage card, or other documentation  
10 acceptable to the department. This paragraph does not apply  
11 to a motor vehicle excluded from the requirements of section  
12 321.20B.

13 Sec. 2. Section 321.30, Code 2022, is amended by adding the  
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The department or the county treasurer  
16 shall refuse registration of a motor vehicle if the owner  
17 does not provide satisfactory proof that financial liability  
18 coverage is in effect for the motor vehicle pursuant to section  
19 321.20B. This subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle  
20 excluded from the requirements of section 321.20B.

21 Sec. 3. Section 321.40, Code 2022, is amended by adding the  
22 following new subsection:

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. A form for certification of financial  
24 liability coverage pursuant to section 321.20B shall accompany  
25 each renewal statement sent to the owner of a motor vehicle  
26 under this section. The county treasurer shall refuse to renew  
27 the registration of a motor vehicle if the applicant does not  
28 submit satisfactory proof of financial liability coverage in  
29 effect for the motor vehicle pursuant to section 321.20B. This  
30 subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle excluded from the  
31 requirements of section 321.20B.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill requires the owner of a motor vehicle to certify

1 that financial liability coverage is in effect for the vehicle  
2 as required under Code section 321.20B at the time the vehicle  
3 is registered and each time the registration is renewed. At  
4 the time of application for registration of a motor vehicle,  
5 the owner is required to provide a copy of the proof of  
6 financial liability coverage card issued for the motor vehicle,  
7 a description of the coverage as noted on the card, or other  
8 documentation acceptable to the department of transportation  
9 (DOT). The DOT or county treasurer cannot register a motor  
10 vehicle or renew a registration in the absence of satisfactory  
11 proof that financial liability coverage is in effect for the  
12 vehicle.

13 The bill does not apply to motor vehicles excluded from the  
14 requirements of Code section 321.20B.