

Senate File 236 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to documentation required to be carried in a
2 motor vehicle, including vehicle registration cards and
3 proof of financial liability coverage cards, and including
4 effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (3), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2021, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 Issue a citation, and after the allotted time period under
5 subsection 5A expires, remove the motor vehicle's license
6 plates and registration receipt.

7 Sec. 2. Section 321.20B, subsection 4, paragraph a,
8 subparagraph (4), subparagraph division (a), Code 2021, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Issue a citation, and after the allotted time period
11 under subsection 5A expires, remove the motor vehicle's license
12 plates and registration receipt, and impound the motor vehicle.
13 The peace officer shall deliver the plates for destruction, as
14 appropriate, and forward the registration receipt and evidence
15 of the violation, as determined by the department, to the
16 county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle is
17 registered.

18 Sec. 3. Section 321.20B, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. A citation issued under subsection 4 or
21 5 for failure to provide proof of financial liability coverage
22 shall first provide for a seventy-two-hour period within which
23 the person charged with the violation may provide proof of
24 financial liability coverage in effect at the time the person
25 was stopped and issued the citation. If the person provides
26 proof of financial liability coverage within the allotted time
27 period, the citation shall be expunged. If the person fails to
28 provide the proof within the allotted time period, the citation
29 shall be processed in the same manner as other citations.

30 Sec. 4. Section 321.32, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. This section shall not apply when
33 the vehicle's current annual validation sticker issued under
34 section 321.34, subsection 2, is properly displayed on the
35 vehicle's registration plate pursuant to that subsection.

1 failure to provide proof of financial liability coverage must
2 first provide for a 72-hour period within which the person
3 charged with the violation may provide proof of financial
4 liability coverage in effect at the time the person was stopped
5 and cited. If the person provides the proof, the citation must
6 be expunged. Under the bill, a peace officer is prohibited
7 from removing the motor vehicle's plates and registration
8 receipt and impounding the motor vehicle until the 72-hour
9 period expires.

10 Current law requires a vehicle's registration card to be
11 carried at all times in the vehicle and to be shown to any peace
12 officer upon the officer's request. The bill exempts a person
13 from those requirements when the valid registration sticker
14 issued to the vehicle owner is properly displayed on the rear
15 registration plate. A person convicted for failing to carry,
16 show, or display proof of a vehicle's registration is guilty of
17 a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$30.

18 The bill takes effect upon enactment.