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HOUSE BILL 13-1022

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROOF OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill makes providing false evidence of proof of motor vehicle insurance a class B traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$500. The bill also allows a court clerk's office to dismiss a charge of violation of the compulsory auto insurance requirement if it verifies there was a policy in effect at the time of the alleged violation using the uninsured motorist database.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1409, **amend**
3 (6) as follows:

4 **42-4-1409. Compulsory insurance - penalty - legislative intent.**

5 (6) ~~No~~ A person charged with violating subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this
6 section shall NOT be convicted if the person produces in court a bona fide
7 complying policy or certificate of self-insurance that was in full force and
8 effect as required by law at the time of the alleged violation. THE COURT
9 CLERK'S OFFICE MAY DISMISS THE CHARGE IF IT VERIFIES THAT THE PERSON
10 HAD A VALID POLICY IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION
11 USING THE UNINSURED MOTORIST IDENTIFICATION DATABASE CREATED IN
12 SECTION 42-7-602.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-1410.5 as
14 follows:

15 **42-4-1410.5. Providing false evidence of proof of motor vehicle**

16 **insurance - penalty.** IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO OFFER, USE, OR
17 ATTEMPT TO OFFER OR USE ANY MEANS, MANNER, TYPE OF PAPER,
18 DOCUMENT, CARD, DIGITAL IMAGE, OR ANY OTHER PROOF OF MOTOR
19 VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO A LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, PROSECUTOR, OR EMPLOYEE
21 OF A COURT CLERK'S OFFICE **WITH THE INTENT** TO MISLEAD THAT OFFICIAL
22 REGARDING THE STATUS OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE
23 POLICY IN THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION, OR FOR PURPOSES
24 OF DISMISSING ANY CHARGE UNDER SECTION 42-4-1409 OR REDUCING ANY
25 PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 42-4-1409, WHERE SUCH MEANS,
26 MANNER, TYPE, OR KIND OF PROOF OF INSURANCE OFFERED OR USED, OR

1 THAT IS ATTEMPTED TO BE OFFERED OR USED, IS KNOWN OR SHOULD BE
2 KNOWN BY THE PERSON TO BE FALSE, FRAUDULENT, OR INCORRECT IN ANY
3 MATERIAL MANNER OR WAY, OR WHICH IS KNOWN OR SHOULD BE KNOWN
4 BY THE PERSON TO BE ALTERED, FORGED, DEFACED, OR CHANGED IN ANY
5 MATERIAL RESPECT, UNLESS SUCH CHANGES ARE REQUIRED OR
6 AUTHORIZED BY LAW. VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS B TRAFFIC
7 INFRACTION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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9 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.