

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0629 **Date:** June 25, 2013  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rosenthal **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
 Sen. Tochtrop; Balmer **Fiscal Analyst:** Jonathan Senft (303-866-3523)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal reduction. See State Expenditures section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows drivers to show proof of insurance on a cell phone or other portable mobile device. It also allows insurance companies to issue proof of insurance either in paper or electronic format. The bill indemnifies law enforcement from unintentional damages occurring while the device is handled to verify insurance status, and prohibits law enforcement from exploring the contents of the device other than to examine the driver's insurance.

**State Expenditures**

Because this bill eases barriers to prove vehicle insurance, it may reduce the number of citations given to those who have a policy in effect, but who are unable to demonstrate it because they do not have a paper-form proof of insurance. It will not, however, affect the number of convictions issued for failure to have vehicle insurance. Under current law, no person can be convicted of failing to have vehicle insurance if the person produces evidence in court that shows a policy was in effect at the time of the alleged violation. Historically, approximately 85 percent of the charges for failure to present proof of insurance are dropped among the Judicial Department's courts.

**Local Government Impact**

Because this bill eases barriers to proving vehicle insurance, it may reduce the number of citations issued to those who have a policy in effect, but who are unable to demonstrate it because they do not have a paper-form proof of insurance.

**Departments Contacted**

Counties  
Public Safety  
Transportation

Municipalities  
Regulatory Agencies

Judicial  
Revenue