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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the production of proof of insurance by the use of electronic transmission to portable electronic devices

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 312 of the vehi-  
2     cle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 557 of the laws of 1994, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     (b) (1) The owner of such motor vehicle shall maintain proof of finan-  
5     cial security continuously throughout the registration period and his  
6     failure to produce proof of financial security when requested to do so  
7     upon demand of a magistrate, motor vehicle inspector, peace officer,  
8     acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer, while such  
9     vehicle is being operated upon the public highway, shall be presumptive  
10    evidence of operating a motor vehicle without proof of financial securi-  
11    ty. Upon the production of proof of financial security such presumption  
12    is removed.     Production of proof of financial security may be made by  
13    mailing such proof to the court having jurisdiction in the matter, and  
14    any necessary response by such court or acknowledgement of the  
15    production of such proof may also be made by mail. When insurance with  
16    respect to any motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, is terminated the  
17    owner shall surrender forthwith his registration certificate and number

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 plates of the vehicle to the commissioner unless proof of financial  
2 security otherwise is maintained in compliance with this article.

3 (2) PROOF OF FINANCIAL SECURITY MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY MEANS OF TRANS-  
4 MISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE OWNER'S INSURANCE CARD TO THE  
5 OWNER'S OR OPERATOR'S SMART PHONE OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
6 PROVIDED THAT:

7 (A) SUCH PROOF OF FINANCIAL SECURITY IS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY FROM THE  
8 OWNER'S INSURANCE COMPANY OR FROM THE OWNER'S LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER  
9 OR AGENT TO THE OWNER'S OR OPERATOR'S SMART PHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC  
10 DEVICE; AND

11 (B) THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL SECURITY  
12 CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS CHAPTER AND ANY RULES OR REGU-  
13 LATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

14 (3) AN OFFICER OR AGENT WHO VIEWS THE TRANSMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC  
15 VERSION OF THE OWNER'S INSURANCE CARD ON THE OWNER'S OR OPERATOR'S SMART  
16 PHONE OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM VIEW-  
17 ING ANY OTHER CONTENT ON THE SMART PHONE OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC  
18 DEVICE.

19 (4) ANY PERSON WHO PRESENTS PROOF OF FINANCIAL SECURITY BY MEANS OF  
20 TRANSMISSION OF AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE OWNER'S INSURANCE CARD ON  
21 THE OWNER'S OR OPERATOR'S SMART PHONE OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC  
22 DEVICE SHALL ASSUME ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE SMART PHONE OR  
23 OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE.

24 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law.