SENATE BILL No. 792

October 5, 2005, Introduced by Senator HAMMERSTROM and referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled

"The insurance code of 1956,"

by amending section 3101a (MCL 500.3101a), as amended by 1996 PA 456.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 3101a. (1) An insurer, in conjunction with the issuance
- 2 of an automobile insurance policy, as defined in section 3303,
- 3 shall provide 2 certificates of insurance for each insured vehicle.
- 4 The insurer shall mark 1 of the certificates as the secretary of
- 5 state's copy, which copy, except as otherwise provided in
- 6 subsection (2), shall be filed with the secretary of state by the
- 7 policyholder upon application for a vehicle registration. The
- 8 secretary of state shall not maintain the certificate of
- insurance received under this subsection on file. AN INSURER SHALL

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- 1 PROVIDE INFORMATION AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT
- 2 TO SECTION 520D OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL
- 3 257.520D, INCLUDING WHETHER A POLICY EXPIRES WITHOUT BEING RENEWED
- 4 OR IS TERMINATED OR IF A POLICYHOLDER CANCELS HIS OR HER AUTOMOBILE
- 5 INSURANCE POLICY. THE NOTICE OF EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR
- 6 CANCELLATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN 2
- 7 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR CANCELLATION AND
- 8 SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 9 (A) THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
- 10 (B) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE POLICYHOLDER.
- 11 (C) THE INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER.
- 12 (D) THE TIME AND DATE OF EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR
- 13 CANCELLATION.
- 14 (2) The secretary of state shall accept as proof of vehicle
- 15 insurance a transmission, in the format required by the secretary
- 16 of state, of the insured vehicle's vehicle identification number.
- 17 Vehicle identification numbers received by the secretary of state
- 18 under this subsection are confidential and shall not be disclosed
- 19 to any person except pursuant to an order by ORDER OF a court of
- 20 competent jurisdiction in connection with a claim or fraud
- 21 investigation or prosecution. The transmission to the secretary of
- 22 state of a vehicle identification number is proof of insurance to
- 23 the secretary of state for motor vehicle registration purposes only
- 24 and is not evidence that a policy of insurance actually exists
- 25 between an insurer and an individual.
- 26 (3) A person who FAILS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY
- 27 OF STATE OR WHO supplies false information to the secretary of

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- 1 state under this section or who issues or uses an altered,
- 2 fraudulent, or counterfeit certificate of insurance is guilty of a
- 3 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or
- 4 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
- 5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 6 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
- 7 enacted into law:
- 8 (a) Senate Bill No. 791.

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10 (b) Senate Bill No. 793.

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