

HB 2263 -- Insured Vehicle Identification Network Program

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This bill replaces the Motorist Insurance Identification Database Act which expired June 30, 2007, with the Insured Vehicle Identification Network Act to track insured motorists, identify uninsured motorists, and maintain this information in a statewide database. In its main provision, the bill:

(1) Requires the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, in collaboration with the departments of Revenue and Public Safety, to establish and operate for six months the Insured Vehicle Identification Network Pilot Program. At the end of the six-month period, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration may continue the program, terminate the program, or continue the program and submit a recommendation to terminate it to the General Assembly by December 31, 2010. The General Assembly may, upon receiving the termination recommendation, authorize the department to terminate the program by enacting a concurrent resolution within the first 60 days of the first regular session of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly;

(2) Creates the Insured Motorist Fund and specifies that all fees from the program must be deposited into the fund;

(3) Requires the information provided by insurers and the department to remain the property of the original entity after the termination of the program and prohibits the information contained in the database from being sold but must be disclosed to verify a person's insurance coverage upon request by any state or local government agency investigating, litigating, or enforcing compliance with the motor vehicle financial responsibility requirements or upon the request of other specified individuals or agencies;

(4) Requires the department to annually review the operation and performance of the program and submit a report of its findings to the General Assembly by January 15, 2011, and every year thereafter, if the program has not been terminated;

(5) Requires the designated agent of the program to notify the Department of Revenue of any vehicle owner who cannot be identified as maintaining financial responsibility. The Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, in consultation with the Department of Revenue, will determine the intervals for notification. Upon receiving the notification, the Department of Revenue will review the list and authorize the designated agent to notify owners of their

noncompliance; and

(6) Authorizes the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for the mutual use of the information contained in the database and similar information contained in a database operated by another state.

The bill contains an emergency clause.