



SENATE BILL No. 988

May 1, 1996, Introduced by Senator BOUCHARD and referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

A bill to amend section 3101a of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, entitled as amended

"The insurance code of 1956,"

as amended by Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 500.3101a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 3101a of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts
2 of 1956, as amended by Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1995,
3 being section 500.3101a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 3101a. (1) An insurer, in conjunction with the issu-
6 ance of an automobile insurance policy, as defined in section
7 3303, shall provide 2 certificates of insurance for each insured
8 vehicle. The insurer shall mark 1 of the certificates as the
9 secretary of state's copy, which copy, except as otherwise

1 provided in subsection ~~(3)~~ (2), shall be filed with the
2 secretary of state by the policyholder upon application for a
3 vehicle registration. The secretary of state shall not maintain
4 the certificate of insurance received under this subsection on
5 file.

6 (2) The secretary of state shall accept as proof of vehicle
7 insurance a transmission, in the format required by the secretary
8 of state, of the insured vehicle's vehicle identification
9 number. Vehicle identification numbers received by the secretary
10 of state under this subsection are confidential and shall not be
11 disclosed to any person except pursuant to an order by a court of
12 competent jurisdiction in connection with a claim or fraud inves-
13 tigation or prosecution. The transmission to the secretary of
14 state of a vehicle identification number is proof of insurance to
15 the secretary of state for motor vehicle registration purposes
16 only and is not evidence that a policy of insurance actually
17 exists between an insurer and an individual.

18 (3) A person who supplies false information to the secretary
19 of state under this section or who issues or uses an altered,
20 fraudulent, or counterfeit certificate of insurance is guilty of
21 a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1
22 year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.