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House Bill 4013 (Proposed H-1 substitute)

Sponsor: Rep. Peter J. Lucido

Committee: Insurance

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4013 (Proposed H-1) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.223) to allow for an electronic copy or digital photograph of a vehicle registration certificate to satisfy the requirement that the appropriate registration certificate must be carried in a motor vehicle or carried by the person driving the vehicle. The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

[Public Act 135 of 2015—House Bill 4193—amended the Vehicle Code to allow the use of electronic proof of mandatory auto insurance.]

Under House Bill 4013 (H-1), upon request of a police officer, an individual could elect to display an electronic copy of the registration certificate, and the following would apply:

** The police officer could only view the electronic copy of the certificate and would be prohibited from manipulating the device to view any other information on the device. A person who displayed a registration certificate using an electronic device would not be presumed to have consented to a search of that device.

** The police officer could require an individual to electronically forward the electronic copy of the certificate to a specified location provided by the police officer (e.g., by email). The officer could then view the electronic copy in a setting in which it was safe for the officer to verify the validity and accuracy of the information.

** The state, a law enforcement agency, or an employee of the state or law enforcement agency, would not be liable for damage to or loss of an electronic device as a result of a police officer's viewing of the device, regardless of who was in possession of the device at the time of the damage.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State Police or local law enforcement agencies. The bill would not affect current fee revenues and would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State.

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