

SENATE BILL 254

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle Insurance Companies – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in a certain
4 program of insurance verification for motor vehicle insurance policies; requiring
5 motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details;
6 and generally relating to motor vehicle insurance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 17–104(a), (b), and (d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 17–104(c)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 17–104.

21 (a) The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor
22 vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence satisfactory
23 to the Administration that the required security is in effect.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this State
2 shall maintain the required security for the vehicle during the registration period.

3 (c) Each insurer or other provider of required security shall:

4 (1) [Except as provided in item (2) of this subsection, immediately notify
5 the Administration electronically of new motor vehicle insurance policies issued for insured
6 vehicles registered in the State; and] **PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S ONLINE
7 VERIFICATION PROGRAM FOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES;**

9 (2) For each fleet policy, electronically notify the Administration every 30
10 days of any additions, deletions, or modifications to the fleet policy, including those policy
11 numbers affected; **AND**

12 **(3) ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATION WITH ALL
13 ACTIVE INSURANCE POLICIES:**

14 **(I) IN A FORMAT REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND**

15 **(II) AT AN INTERVAL DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (d) The Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance
17 Administration and representatives of the automobile insurance industry, shall adopt
18 regulations that establish procedures to be used by an insurer to provide timely notification
19 to an insured of the penalties that may be imposed in accordance with § 17-106 of this
20 subtitle if the insured fails to renew or replace a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance
21 without surrendering the evidences of registration.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2024.