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State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Antonio Muñoz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/7-604

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 7-604

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Extends the repeal date of a Section concerning the verification of liability insurance policies to December 31, 2016 (rather than December 31, 2015).

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
Section 7-604 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/7-604) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 7-604)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2015)

Sec. 7-604. Verification of liability insurance policy.

9 (a) The Secretary of State may select random samples of 10 registrations of motor vehicles subject to Section 7-601 of 11 this Code, or owners thereof, for the purpose of verifying 12 whether or not the motor vehicles are insured.

In addition to such general random samples of motor vehicle registrations, the Secretary may select for verification other random samples, including, but not limited to registrations of motor vehicles owned by persons:

17 (1) whose motor vehicle registrations during the
18 preceding 4 years have been suspended pursuant to Section
19 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code;

(2) who during the preceding 4 years have been
convicted of violating Section 3-707, 3-708 or 3-710 of
this Code while operating vehicles owned by other persons;
(3) whose driving privileges have been suspended

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1 during the preceding 4 years;

(4) who during the preceding 4 years acquired ownership
of motor vehicles while the registrations of such vehicles
under the previous owners were suspended pursuant to
Section 7-606 or 7-607 of this Code; or

6 (5) who during the preceding 4 years have received a 7 disposition of supervision under subsection (c) of Section 8 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections for a violation of 9 Section 3-707, 3-708, or 3-710 of this Code.

10 (b) Upon receiving certification from the Department of 11 Transportation under Section 7-201.2 of this Code of the name 12 of an owner or operator of any motor vehicle involved in an 13 accident, the Secretary may verify whether or not at the time 14 of the accident such motor vehicle was covered by a liability 15 insurance policy in accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code.

16 (c) In preparation for selection of random samples and 17 their verification, the Secretary may send to owners of randomly selected motor vehicles, or to randomly selected motor 18 vehicle owners, requests for information about their motor 19 20 vehicles and liability insurance coverage. The request shall require the owner to state whether or not the motor vehicle was 21 22 insured on the verification date stated in the Secretary's 23 request and the request may require, but is not limited to, a 24 statement by the owner of the names and addresses of insurers, 25 policy numbers, and expiration dates of insurance coverage.

26 (d) Within 30 days after the Secretary mails a request, the

it is sent shall furnish the requested 1 owner to whom Secretary above the 2 information to the owner's signed affirmation that such information is true and correct. Proof of 3 insurance in effect on the verification date, as prescribed by 4 5 the Secretary, may be considered by the Secretary to be a 6 satisfactory response to the request for information.

7 Any owner whose response indicates that his or her vehicle 8 was not covered by a liability insurance policy in accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code shall be deemed to have 9 10 registered or maintained registration of a motor vehicle in 11 violation of that Section. Any owner who fails to respond to 12 such a request shall be deemed to have registered or maintained 13 registration of a motor vehicle in violation of Section 7-601 of this Code. 14

15 (e) If the owner responds to the request for information by 16 asserting that his or her vehicle was covered by a liability 17 insurance policy on the verification date stated in the Secretary's request, the Secretary may conduct a verification 18 19 of the response by furnishing necessary information to the 20 insurer named in the response. The insurer shall within 45 days inform the Secretary whether or not on the verification date 21 22 stated the motor vehicle was insured by the insurer in 23 accordance with Section 7-601 of this Code. The Secretary may 24 rule and regulation prescribe the procedures for bv 25 verification.

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(f) No random sample selected under this Section shall be

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categorized on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,
 national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or
 mental disability, economic status or geography.

4 (g) This Section is repealed on December 31, <u>2016</u> 2015.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-787, eff. 7-25-14.)