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House of Representatives, January 29, 2013

**An Act To Allow an Operator of a Motor Vehicle To Show Proof of
Insurance by Electronic Means**

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FITZPATRICK of Houlton.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, CHASE of Wells, McELWEE of Caribou,
POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WILSON of
Augusta.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1601, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **2. Evidence of insurance or financial responsibility.** When a law enforcement
5 officer stops an operator for a moving violation or the operator is involved in an accident
6 that must be reported under section 2251, the officer shall request the operator to produce
7 evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility. Evidence of liability insurance
8 or financial responsibility may be in electronic form, including the display of an image on
9 a portable electronic device. For purposes of this subsection, "portable electronic device"
10 means an electronic device that is portable in nature, including but not limited to a device
11 for sending or receiving e-mail, a text messaging device, a cellular telephone and a
12 computer.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility may
15 be in electronic form.