



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2013 Wisconsin Act 31**  
[2013 Senate Bill 62]

**Electronic Proof of Motor Vehicle  
Liability Insurance**

### **Background**

Under *current law*, a person who is required to have in effect a motor vehicle liability insurance policy with respect to a vehicle he or she is operating must have proof of the insurance in his or her immediate possession and display the proof upon demand from any traffic officer. A person who fails to have the proof of insurance or display it upon demand, as required under the statute, may be required to forfeit \$10.00. However, a person who is charged with violating this requirement may not be convicted if he or she later produces proof of insurance, in effect at the time the citation was issued, at the time of his or her appearance in court in response to the citation or in the office of the traffic officer who issued the citation.

### **2013 Wisconsin Act 31**

*2013 Wisconsin Act 31* specifies that a person who is required to have in effect a motor vehicle liability insurance policy with respect to a vehicle he or she is operating may provide proof of the insurance in either printed or electronic format, including by display of images on a cellular telephone or other electronic device. If proof is displayed in electronic format on a device, the person to whom the proof is displayed may not view any other content on the device, and the display of the proof is not considered consent for the person to view any other content on the device.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.