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H.B. No. 141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility;  
3 providing a penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 601.053, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

7 (c) A person commits an offense if the person fails or  
8 refuses to provide to a peace officer the evidence of financial  
9 responsibility as required by Subsection (a). An offense under  
10 this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

11 (d) A court shall dismiss a charge of an offense under  
12 Subsection (c) if the defendant presents to the court one of the  
13 documents listed in Subsection (a) that was valid at the time the  
14 offense occurred. The court may assess the defendant an  
15 administrative fee not to exceed \$10 when the charge is dismissed.  
16 Section 51.607, Government Code, does not apply to the  
17 administrative fee.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.