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H.B. No. 1054

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of the motor vehicle safety responsibility law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 601.051, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 601.051. REQUIREMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle in this state unless financial responsibility is established for that vehicle through:

(1) a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that complies with Subchapter D;

(2) a surety bond filed under Section 601.121;

(3) a deposit under Section 601.122;

(4) a deposit under Section 601.123; or

(5) self-insurance under Section 601.124.

(b) A peace officer may not stop or detain a person who is the operator of a motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether financial responsibility is established for the vehicle.

SECTION 2. Section 601.053, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A document listed in Subsection (a) that describes a motor vehicle is sufficient evidence that financial responsibility is established for that vehicle, regardless of whether the operator is identified by name in the document.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.