

VEHICLE RENTAL AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to driver license verification for the rental of a motor vehicle.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows verification of a driver license through electronic or digital means for purposes of renting a motor vehicle; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

⚡→ ~~None~~ This bill provides a special effective date. ←⚡

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-3-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-3-203** is amended to read:

53-3-203. Authorizing or permitting driving in violation of chapter -- Renting of motor vehicles -- License requirements -- Employees must be licensed -- Violations.

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28 (1) A person may not authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by ~~him or~~
29 ~~under his~~ the person or under the person's control to be driven by a person in violation of this
30 chapter.

31 (2) (a) A person may not rent a motor vehicle to another person unless the person who
32 will be the driver is licensed in this state, or in the case of a nonresident, licensed under the
33 laws of the state or country of his residence.

34 (b) A person may not rent a motor vehicle to another person until ~~he~~:

35 (i) the person has inspected the license certificate of the person who will be the driver,
36 which may be done through electronic or digital means; and

37 (ii) verified the ~~signature on the~~ license certificate ~~by comparison with the signature~~
38 ~~of the person who will be the driver written in his presence~~ is unexpired.

39 (c) A person renting a motor vehicle to another shall keep a record of the:

40 (i) registration number of the rented motor vehicle;

41 (ii) name and address of the person to whom the motor vehicle is rented;

42 (iii) number of the license certificate of the renter; and

43 (iv) ~~date and~~ place the license certificate was issued.

44 (d) The record is open to inspection by any peace officer or officer or employee of the
45 division.

46 (3) A person may not employ a person to drive a motor vehicle who is not licensed as
47 required under this chapter.

48 (4) A person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction.

48a **Ŝ→ Section 2. Effective date.**

48b **This bill takes effect on January 1, 2021. ←Ŝ**