

VEHICLE RENTAL AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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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

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.

(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~~ the person:

35 (i) has inspected the license certificate of the person who will be the driver; and

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

38 (c) (i) A person may verify the information described in Subsection (2)(b) for a
39 subsequent vehicle rental through the use of an electronic system maintained by the person for
40 the purposes of expediting the vehicle rental process.

41 (ii) The electronic system described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) may contain information
42 voluntarily provided by the person who will be the driver including:

43 (A) information included on the driver license certificate; and

44 (B) biometric information.

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

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

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

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

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

50 ~~(d)~~ (e) The record is open to inspection by any peace officer or officer or employee of
51 the division.

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

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