

1 **VEHICLE RENTAL AMENDMENTS**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

5 House Sponsor: Joel Ferry

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

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

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

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

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **53-3-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

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

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

26 **53-3-203. Authorizing or permitting driving in violation of chapter -- Renting of**
27 **motor vehicles -- License requirements -- Employees must be licensed -- Violations.**



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.