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TRAFFIC VIOLATION EXEMPTIONS
2023 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Gricius
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill provides an exemption to a person who has received a citation related to a
motor vehicle if the person provides evidence that the person was not the owner of the
relevant vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 provides an exemption to a person who has received a citation related to a motor
vehicle if the person provides evidence that the person was not the owner of the
relevant vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; and
► allows a person to provide a bill of sale to the court clerk as evidence that the person
was not the owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
41-6a-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 41-6a-202 is amended to read:
41-6a-202. Violations of chapter Penalties Acceptance of plea of guilty.

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30 (1) As used in this section, "serious bodily injury" is as defined in Section 41-6a-401.3. 31 (2) A violation of any provision of this chapter is an infraction, unless otherwise 32 provided. 33 (3) A violation of any provision of Part 2, Applicability and Obedience to Traffic Laws, Part 11, Bicycles and Other Vehicles, Regulation of Operation, Part 17, Miscellaneous 34 Rules, and Part 18, Motor Vehicle Safety Belt Usage Act, of this chapter is an infraction, 35 36 unless otherwise provided. 37 (4) (a) If a person has received a citation for a moving traffic violation under this 38 chapter that resulted in a collision and any person involved in the collision sustained serious 39 bodily injury or death as a proximate result of the collision, a court may not accept a plea of guilty or no contest to a charge for the moving traffic violation unless the prosecutor agrees to 40 41 the plea: 42 (i) in open court; 43 (ii) in writing; or 44 (iii) by another means of communication which the court finds adequate to record the 45 prosecutor's agreement. 46 (b) A peace officer that issues a citation for a moving traffic violation under this chapter shall record on the citation whether the moving traffic violation resulted in a collision 47 48 in which any person involved in the collision sustained serious bodily injury or death as a 49 proximate result of the traffic collision. 50 (5) (a) If a person receives a citation for a violation described in Subsection (5)(b), the person is not guilty of an infraction and is not required to pay a fee or fine if the person 51 presents to the court clerk evidence that the person did not own the vehicle at the time of the 52 53 alleged violation. 54 (b) Subsection (5)(a) applies to a person accused of a violation under this chapter or a 55 violation of a traffic ordinance of a political subdivision for which the sole method of 56 identifying the person alleged to be responsible for the violation is through registration or title

records of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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58	(c) The court shall consider a bill of sale for the vehicle in question as evidence
59	described in Subsection (5)(a) if the bill of sale:
60	(i) is executed by both the buyer and the seller; and
61	(ii) indicates that the vehicle was sold on a date before the date of the citation
62	described in Subsection (5)(a).

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