Sec. 601.053. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) As a condition of operating in this state a motor vehicle to which Section 601.051 applies, the operator of the vehicle on request shall provide to a peace officer, as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a person involved in an accident with the operator evidence of financial responsibility by exhibiting:

1. a motor vehicle liability insurance policy covering the vehicle that satisfies Subchapter D or a photocopy of the policy;

2. a standard proof of motor vehicle liability insurance form prescribed by the Texas Department of Insurance under Section 601.081 and issued by a liability insurer for the motor vehicle;

3. an insurance binder that confirms the operator is in compliance with this chapter;

4. a surety bond certificate issued under Section 601.121;

5. a certificate of a deposit with the comptroller covering the vehicle issued under Section 601.122;

6. a copy of a certificate of a deposit with the appropriate county judge covering the vehicle issued under Section 601.123; or

7. a certificate of self-insurance covering the vehicle issued under Section 601.124 or a photocopy of the certificate.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an operator who does not exhibit evidence of financial responsibility under Subsection (a) is presumed to have operated the vehicle in violation of Section 601.051.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply if the peace officer determines through use of the verification program established under Subchapter N that financial responsibility has been established for the vehicle.


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