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Abstract: Authorizes law enforcement to impound vehicles of out-of-state drivers who fail to carry bodily injury liability insurance while driving in the state of La.

Present law (R.S. 32:861(E)(1)) requires owners and operators of vehicles registered in other states to carry liability insurance and proof thereof as required in respective home states while driving in the state of La. Clarifies that a personal injury protection insurance card from another state, by itself and without bodily injury liability coverage, is not acceptable proof of required liability insurance.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that owners and operators of out-of-state vehicles who fail to comply with present law insurance requirements are subject to the same sanctions as owners and operators of in-state vehicles, including criminal penalties, fines, license plate seizure, and limits on recovery of damages.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that failure to comply subjects uninsured, out-of-state vehicles to impoundment as provided in present law (R.S. 32:861(C)).

(Amends R.S. 32:861(E)(2))