

CIRCULAR



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Title	Traffic Enforcement Updates
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Related to:	GO-SPT-303.01 (Traffic Enforcement) GO-SPT-303.02 (Notice of Infraction Proceedings)
Rescinds:	TT-05-046-13 (Proof of Insurance), Issue Date May 7, 2013

The purpose of this circular is to inform members about the “Electronic Proof of Motor Vehicle Insurance and Registration Amendment Act of 2018” and the “Rear-Facing Car Seat Safety Amendment Act of 2018” signed into law on March 13, 2019.

“Electronic Proof of Motor Vehicle Insurance and Registration Amendment Act of 2018”

Need to Know	<p>Vehicle insurance identification cards and Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registration certificates may be maintained in an electronic format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an extension of current MPD policy which allows vehicle operators to show proof of insurance via their smartphone or other electronic device. • Members are not liable for damage to or loss of the cellular telephone or portable electronic device unless recklessness or intentional misconduct occurs. • This does not give members consent to search other content on the electronic device.
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“The Rear-Facing Car Seat Safety Amendment Act of 2018”

Need to Know	<p>The operator of a motor vehicle may not transport any child younger than three years of age unless the child is properly restrained in a child restraint seat. The law was amended to specify that children younger than two years of age, who weigh less than 40 pounds, or who measure less than 40 inches in length, must be properly restrained in a rear-facing child restraint seat.</p>
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While this circular will expire on April 3, 2021, changes made to District law as described in this circular will be permanent until such time as the law is amended.

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