

Article - Transportation

17-108.

(a) (1) (i) The Administration shall annually select for verification on a random sample basis not less than [10] 5 percent of vehicle registrations, subject to the security required by this subtitle.

(ii) In selecting the random sample, the Administration may focus on the areas of the State that have the highest percentage of uninsured vehicles.

(2) (i) Upon the selection of any registered vehicle owner for verification, the Administration shall request proof of insurance from the vehicle owner's insurer or agent.

(ii) The registered vehicle owner's insurer or agent shall certify and, within 30 days, submit to the Administration on a form prescribed by the Administration notice if the registered vehicle owner is not insured with that insurer or agent on the date specified by the Administration.

(3) (i) The Administration promptly shall request proof of insurance from a registered vehicle owner if:

1. It receives the notice required under paragraph (2) of this subsection and that notice shows that the vehicle owner is not insured with that agent or insurer;

2. The Administration cannot determine from its records the name of the vehicle owner's agent or insurer or the vehicle owner's policy number.

(ii) Following a request under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the registered vehicle owner selected for verification shall submit proof of insurance within 30 days of the request to the Administration on a form prescribed by the Administration and certified by an insurer or agent.

(4) It shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been uninsured since the effective date of the vehicle's most recent registration if the vehicle owner:

(i) Fails to respond within a 30-day period to a request for proof of insurance issued by the Administration under paragraph (3) of this subsection; or

(ii) Responds within a 30-day period to a request for proof of insurance issued by the Administration under paragraph (3) of this subsection, but fails to prove coverage by the required security on the original date specified by the Administration under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(5) A vehicle owner who has maintained the required security, but who has failed to submit the required proof within the 30-day period, may submit the required proof to rebut the presumption made under paragraph (4) of this subsection.