

THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICES OF
III CORPS, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
(MECHANIZED)
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544

PROOF OF AUTO INSURANCE

I. INTRODUCTION - The Texas Motor Vehicle Responsibility Act provides specific guidelines regarding when proof of insurance is required. Additionally, the Act prescribes penalties for failure to comply with the guidelines.

II. REQUIREMENTS - Proof of insurance is to be provided by a card issued by insurance companies. The insurance card must include a description of the insured vehicles. The Act requires proof of insurance:

- A. When you are involved in an automobile accident.
- B. When requested by an officer of the law.
- C. When you get your new or renewal driver's license.
- D. When you register your car. (Title Application must also be accompanied by your proof of liability insurance.).
- E. When you have your car inspected.

III. PENALTIES -

A. *First offense* - Minimum fine is \$175; maximum is \$350.

B. *Second and subsequent offenses* - Impoundment of auto for up to 180 days, or until the SR-22 (proving liability insurance) is filed. A \$15.00 per day storage fee will be imposed for each day that the car is impounded. There will also be a suspension of your driver's license and auto registration for two years or until you file an SR-22. Additionally, a minimum fine of \$350.00 will be imposed with a maximum fine of \$1,000.00. The court cannot reduce the minimum fine.

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