

**PROGRAM DIVISION
BULLETIN**

2003-05

January 28, 2003

STATE: Georgia

APPLICABILITY: Commercial Automobile

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

Re: Proof of Insurance Law (Supplement II)

SUMMARY

Recently passed legislation has changed the insurance ID card and proof of coverage reporting requirements in the State of Georgia. These changes will impact your daily operations.

KEEP IN MIND

ID cards are still required to be issued by insurers pursuant to Georgia Motor Vehicle Code section 40-6-10. However, effective January 31, 2003, ID cards are no longer valid as proof of liability coverage in Georgia for policies issued to a named insured who is a "natural person". Under Georgia law, a "natural person" is considered to be an individual rather than a corporation or other legal entity. In conjunction with the issuance of an ID card, it is now necessary for proof of liability coverage to be filed electronically as verification of coverage for vehicles registered to a "natural person".

NOTE: ID cards remain valid proof of insurance for vehicles covered under commercial vehicle policies, and registered to entities other than a "natural person". Additionally, electronic reporting is not required for vehicles registered to entities other than a "natural person".

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UNDERWRITING ACTION

Data Collection and Reporting *Required*

Program Administrators must check to see if they have any “*natural person(s)*” named as an additional named insured on a “*commercial vehicle policy*” in the state of Georgia, and, if so, does that “*natural person*” have a vehicle registered in his/her name that is listed on the vehicle schedule of the aforementioned “*commercial vehicle policy*”. If the answers are yes, then that vehicle is subject to the reporting requirements of the “*Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System*” (*GEICS*).

Effective immediately, the attached “GA DMV Reporting Template” must be completed by the program administrator for any vehicle registered to a “*natural person(s)*” and forwarded to their program manager. The program manager should review to make sure that ALL data elements for each vehicle of this type is accurate and is included in the template. The program manager will then forward the template to the DMV Data Entry Unit in Berkeley Heights for processing at DMVDataEntry@AIG.com.

NOTE: In all cases, the template should be submitted electronically whenever possible.



GA Template.xls

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GA DMV Reporting Template

<i>Policy Holder's Name:</i>				
<i>AIG Company Number:</i>				
<i>AIG Policy Number:</i>				
<i>Policy Period:</i>				

<i>AIG Producer Name:</i>				
<i>Address - Line 1:</i>				
<i>Address - Line 2:</i>				
<i>City, State, Zip Code:</i>				
<i>Prod. Phone Number:</i>				
<i>Prod. E-mail Address:</i>				

AIG Policy Number	Record Type: <small>I = Insurance B = Backout</small>	AIG NAIC Code	User ID	Producer License Number	Registrant Name	Registrant Driver's License Number	Registrant Date of Birth	Registrant Address	Registrant City	Registrant State	Registrant Zip Code	Transaction Type	Coverage Effective Date <small>Format = CCYYMMDD</small>	Coverage Termination Date <small>Format = CCYYMMDD</small>	Reason Code <small>NOTE: Needed if coverage is terminated and Transaction Type = T NOP = Inoperable JKD = Junked SLD = Sold TRD = Traded STR = Storage STO = Stolen</small>	Model Year	Make	VIN No./Serial No.	Plate Number	Additional Interest Name 1



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RE: VIN Match.

Effective February 1, 2003, Georgia law requires insurance companies issuing most types of motor vehicle liability insurance coverage in this state to provide notice electronically to the Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System (GEICS) created by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS). If insurance coverage is not reported to the GEICS, the motor vehicle owner will not be allowed to register his or her vehicle, and anyone operating a vehicle that is required to have insurance on the GEICS may be subject to the issuance of a citation from a law enforcement officer. Operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance is a misdemeanor.

In December 2002, DMVS mailed letters to the owners of motor vehicles for which no electronic proof of insurance had been received as of that time. The DMVS used each vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) to determine which vehicles did not have a record of insurance on the GEICS. Georgia law expressly provides that the VIN to be used to report insurance coverage to the GEICS is the VIN listed on the records of the DMVS. O.C.G.A. §40-5-71(b)(1)(A). This number can be found on the vehicle's registration (tag receipt). In many cases, motor vehicle owners that received a letter from DMVS will find that the VIN recorded on the insurance policy information card from their insurer differs from the VIN recorded on the registration.

The letter warns the owner of a vehicle not insured on the GEICS that no insurance information has been received and of the possible consequences if the vehicle remains uninsured on the database after February 1, 2003. If the vehicle is legally required to have insurance coverage reported to the GEICS, the letter instructs the owner to contact the insurance company that insures their vehicles. When contacted, the insurance company should ask the motor vehicle owner for the VIN that is recorded on the vehicle's registration. The insurance company should transmit the VIN that is on the registration in order to prevent their insured motorists from being cited by law enforcement and denied registration renewal or issuance by county tag agents.

There may be circumstances where the VIN number on the motor vehicle registration does not match the VIN number on the vehicle, which means that the vehicle's registration and/or title also does not match. The DMVS acknowledges that there are VIN errors in the Tag & Title database (GRATIS). The existing correction process for these situations **begins** at the local County Tax Commissioner's office and must be initiated by the vehicle owner. Until the VIN is corrected on GRATIS, the insurance company should report insurance coverage using the VIN on the vehicle's registration to ensure that the owner and/or operator of the vehicle is not penalized inadvertently during the VIN correction process. Once the VIN correction process has been properly completed, the vehicle owner will be notified that the number has been corrected in GRATIS. The owner should then notify their insurance company of the corrected VIN so that the carrier can correct their records, thereby ensuring a proper match in the GEICS.

Common VIN correction procedures within a County Tax Commissioner's office include submission of at least the following:

- The Georgia Certificate of Title reflecting the incorrect VIN number
- A MV-1 Title Application completed at the County Tag Office
- A MV-18E Affidavit to support the Correction of a Certificate of Title
- A T-22B VIN verification signed by a Certified Law Enforcement Officer