

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to study the feasibility of establishing a system to allow operators to display their operator's license information on a portable electronic device.

WHEREAS, smartphones and other portable electronic devices have changed the way Americans communicate, store and access information, and engage in commerce; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has recognized this fact, passing legislation in 2013 to allow motorists to show proof of vehicle insurance through a downloaded file on an electronic device; and

WHEREAS, a majority of states have recognized the utility of using smartphones and electronic devices to provide proof of insurance by passing laws similar to Kentucky's; and

WHEREAS, other states are beginning to examine the feasibility of using this sort of data interface to display operator's license information, with the Iowa Department of Transportation announcing a future pilot project to begin later in 2015; and

WHEREAS, while there may be potential benefits from the utilization of such a technology, many questions must be addressed before considering such a fundamental change in the way operator's license information is stored and displayed; and

WHEREAS, among the issues that should be addressed are security of operators' information, cost, technological capabilities, how such a system would affect motorists interactions with law enforcement officers, and system reliability;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall examine the feasibility of creating a system to allow operators to display their operator's license information on a smartphone or electronic portable device.

➔Section 2. In undertaking this study, the Transportation Cabinet shall

specifically address the following issues:

- (1) The existence or availability of technological capabilities to operate such a system;
- (2) Costs involved with establishing and maintaining such a system;
- (3) The effects of such a system on the security of operators' personal information;
- (4) Potential legal issues evolving from an operator presenting his or her personal device to a law enforcement officer;
- (5) The integrity of the license itself and the ability to eliminate fraudulent representation of licenses; and
- (6) Education of businesses and other entities who require identification as to a new system.

➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall present its report to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation by October 31, 2015.