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To All West Virginia Agents:

West Virginia is working to reduce the number of uninsured drivers on the highways. This is an effort to take the burden off of insured motorists and provide law enforcement with the information needed at the time of a traffic stop or crash investigation.

A 2010 change to the insurance law has allowed the Division of Motor Vehicles to establish an online insurance verification program. This system will be used by our division, law enforcement and the judicial system, to verify auto insurance by matching the insurance policy number and vehicle identification number (vin or serial number) to the insurance company.

This verification will be accomplished with the 5 digit **NAIC** (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) **number** which is a number assigned to all licensed insurance companies. All companies will be required to have the NAIC number on the insurance ID card by January 1, 2014. **Your insured may call with questions regarding this field on DMV forms now. We are adding the field as we reorder registration forms, but will continue to process all transactions without it.**

**We are asking all registrants to provide a copy of the insurance ID card when any registration transaction is being processed. We are mailing an insert with all registration renewals for a complete one year cycle, asking for the ID card to be provided as a proactive effort to capture accurate information for our insurance vendor. Many times the owner's handwritten self-certification of insurance leads to error which could be a future mismatch in the system.**

**We need your help! Please have your customers to compare their registration card to the insurance identification card (WV-1) Certificate of Insurance, to ensure the vehicle identification number matches.**