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Insurers hopeful uninsured driver program will work

Insurers are hopeful this program will be the ultimate solution to the problem of uninsured drivers in Texas. For the past two years insurance companies have provided volumes of data to the Texas Department of Insurance, according to Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

“While we were skeptical of the legislation when it was introduced based on the experience of similar programs in other states,” he said, “ We are optimistic that the testing phase will go smoothly and the program will go state-wide soon. The delay in implementing the program will be time well spent if it operates in an efficient and effective manner.”

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“There are an estimated 20-25 percent of the drivers in Texas roaming around irresponsibly on Texas roads and that number is even higher along cities bordering Texas,” he said. “Estimates of uninsured drivers in the Rio Grande Valley are as high as 50-60 percent.”

“It is almost imperative that every city in Texas adopt the program for it to be successful,” he said.

“Currently the decision to implement the campaign will be left to towns and cities throughout the state.”

Southwestern Insurance Information Service is a 55 year old insurance trade association representing insurers writing in excess of 85 percent of auto and homeowners insurance in Texas.

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