
By: Senator Amoss

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance - Minimum Required Security**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of minimum required security for motor
4 vehicles in the State; increasing certain minimum coverages required to be paid in
5 certain cases by the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; providing for the future
6 codification of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to minimum
7 required security for motor vehicles registered in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 48A - Insurance Code
10 Section 243-I(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 17-103(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article - Insurance
20 Section 20-602(a)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1995 Volume)
23 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B.11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
24 1996)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

2 243-I.

3 (a) The maximum amounts payable from the Fund for claims filed under § 243H
4 shall be [\$20,000] \$25,000, exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury to, or death
5 of, one person in any one accident; and subject to such limit for any one person so injured
6 or killed, [\$40,000] \$50,000, exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury to, or
7 death of, more than one person in any one accident; and [\$10,000] \$15,000, exclusive of
8 interest and costs, for damages to property in any one accident.

9 **Article - Transportation**

10 17-103.

11 (b) The security required under this subtitle shall provide for at least:

12 (1) The payment of claims for bodily injury or death arising from an
13 accident of up to [\$20,000] \$25,000 for any one person and up to [\$40,000] \$50,000 for
14 any two or more persons, in addition to interest and costs;

15 (2) The payment of claims for property of others damaged or destroyed in
16 an accident of up to [\$10,000] \$15,000, in addition to interest and costs;

17 (3) Unless waived, the benefits described under Article 48A, § 539 of the
18 Code as to basic required primary coverage; and

19 (4) The benefits required under Article 48A, § 541 of the Code as to
20 required additional coverage.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
22 read as follows:

23 **Article - Insurance**

24 20-602.

25 (a) The maximum amount payable from the Fund, exclusive of interest and costs,
26 for claims filed under this subtitle arising from one accident is:

27 (1) [\$20,000] \$25,000 on account of injury to or death of one individual;

28 (2) subject to the limit specified in item (1) of subsection, [\$40,000] \$50,000
29 on account of injury to or death of more than one individual; and

30 (3) [\$10,000] \$15,000 for damages to property.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
32 take effect October 1, 1996.

33 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
34 take effect October 1, 1997.