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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance - Minimum Liability Coverage - Property Damage**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum liability coverage for property damage in a
4 motor vehicle liability insurance policy; and generally relating to minimum liability
5 coverage in motor vehicle liability insurance.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article - Insurance

8 Section 19-504

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1996 Volume)

11 (As enacted by Chapter 11 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article - Transportation

14 Section 17-103

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Insurance**

20 19-504.

21 Each motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued, sold, or delivered in the State
22 shall provide the minimum liability coverage specified in Title 17 of the Transportation
23 Article.

24 **Article - Transportation**

25 17-103.

26 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the form of
27 security required under this subtitle is a vehicle liability insurance policy written by an
28 insurer authorized to write these policies in this State.

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1 (2) The Administration may accept another form of security in place of a
2 vehicle liability insurance policy if it finds that the other form of security adequately
3 provides the benefits required by subsection (b) of this section.

4 (3) The Administration shall, by regulation, assess each self-insurer an
5 annual sum which may not exceed \$750, and which shall be used for actuarial studies and
6 audits to determine financial solvency.

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

8 (1) The payment of claims for bodily injury or death arising from an
9 accident of up to \$20,000 for any one person and up to \$40,000 for any two or more
10 persons, in addition to interest and costs;

11 (2) The payment of claims for property of others damaged or destroyed in
12 an accident of up to [\$10,000] \$20,000, in addition to interest and costs;

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

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

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1997.