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House Bill 692
Economic Matters

(Delegate Feldman)

Finance

**Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance - Personal Injury Protection Coverage -
Waiver**

This bill provides that a waiver of personal injury protection (PIP) coverage under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy made by a person that is insured continuously by an insurer is effective until the waiver is withdrawn in writing.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies the Maryland Insurance Administration's current interpretation of the law.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: If the first named insured does not wish to obtain PIP coverage, the insured must make an affirmative written waiver. Without an affirmative written waiver, the insurer must provide PIP coverage. Generally, a waiver covers each named insured, listed driver, and member of the first named insured's family residing in the household who is at least 16. A waiver of PIP coverage made by a person that is insured continuously by the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund is effective until the waiver is withdrawn in writing.

Background: Under PIP coverage, insurers pay medical, hospital, and disability benefits for individuals injured in a motor vehicle accident.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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