

HOUSE BILL 547

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HB 976/06 – ECM

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By: **Delegate Love**
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2007
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Insurance – Accident Prevention Courses – Discount for**
3 **Seniors**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an insurer to provide a reduction in rates for motor
5 vehicle personal injury and property damage coverage to an insured who is at
6 least 55 years old and who, within a certain period of time, has completed a
7 certain course in accident prevention; providing that this Act does not apply to
8 an insured who attends a course in accident prevention under a court order or
9 as required by the Motor Vehicle Administration for a certain violation;
10 authorizing a certain part of the required course in accident prevention to be an
11 on-line course; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt
12 certain regulations; and generally relating to reductions in motor vehicle
13 insurance rates.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Insurance
16 Section 11-215(g) and 11-318(g)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Insurance**

22 11-215.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INSURED WHO
2 ATTENDS A COURSE IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION:

3 (I) UNDER A COURT ORDER; OR

4 (II) AS REQUIRED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
5 ADMINISTRATION FOR A VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE TRANSPORTATION
6 ARTICLE.

7 (2) For motor vehicle personal injury and property damage coverage,
8 an insurer [may] SHALL provide a reduction in rates based on actuarial justification
9 to an insured who:

10 [(1)] (I) is at least 55 years old; and

11 [(2)] (II) within the last 2 years, has completed successfully a course
12 in accident prevention:

13 [(i)] 1. that is approved by the Motor Vehicle Administration;

14 [(ii)] 2. that includes classroom instruction or practice driving
15 of the number of hours that the Motor Vehicle Administration requires; and

16 [(iii)] 3. for which the insured has received a certificate that
17 certifies the completion of the course.

18 (3) THE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION PART OF THE COURSE IN
19 ACCIDENT PREVENTION MAY BE TAKEN AS AN ON-LINE COURSE.

20 (4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY
21 OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

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18 **OUT THIS SUBSECTION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2007.