

SB0144/448473/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 144
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after “tort” insert “involving death or bodily injury”; and in the same line, after the semicolon insert “providing that an insurer is only required to provide a claimant with documentation of the applicable limits of coverage in a certain automobile insurance policy, homeowner’s insurance policy, or renter’s insurance policy; requiring a claimant to provide an insurer with a letter from a certain attorney certifying that the claimant has a bona fide tort claim under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, after “TORT” insert “INVOLVING BODILY INJURY”; and in line 15, strike “insurance agreement” and substitute “AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY, HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE POLICY, OR RENTER’S INSURANCE POLICY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 in line 26, and on page 3 in line 9, in each instance, strike “OR” and substitute a comma.

On page 2 in line 26, and on page 3 in line 9, in each instance, after “POLICE REPORT” insert “, OR OTHER OFFICIAL REPORT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 26, strike “and”; and in line 27, after “available” insert “; AND”

(5) A LETTER FROM AN ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE CERTIFYING THAT:

(Over)

(I) THE ATTORNEY HAS MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE THE UNDERLYING FACTS OF THE CLAIM; AND

(II) BASED ON THE ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATION, THE ATTORNEY REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT THE CLAIM IS NOT FRIVOLOUS".

On page 3, in line 16, strike "and"; and in line 18, after "decedent" insert "**;** AND

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