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SYNOPSIS

Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles to \$1,500,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning commercial motor vehicle coverage and
2 amending P.L.1972, c.197.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. a. Every owner or registered owner of a motor vehicle
10 registered or principally garaged in this State shall maintain motor
11 vehicle liability insurance coverage, under provisions approved by
12 the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, insuring against loss
13 resulting from liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death and
14 property damage sustained by any person arising out of the
15 ownership, maintenance, operation or use of a motor vehicle
16 wherein such coverage shall be at least in: (1) an amount or limit of
17 \$15,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury to,
18 or death of, one person, in any one accident; and (2) an amount or
19 limit, subject to such limit for any one person so injured or killed,
20 of \$30,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury
21 to or death of, more than one person, in any one accident; and (3) an
22 amount or limit of \$5,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, for
23 damage to property in any one accident; and (4) for a commercial
24 motor vehicle, an amount or limit of \$1,500,000, exclusive of
25 interest and costs, on account of injury to or death of, one or more
26 persons in any one accident or for damage to property in any one
27 accident.

28 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
29 section, an owner or registered owner of an automobile, as defined
30 in section 2 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-2), registered or primarily
31 garaged in the State may satisfy the requirements of subsection a. of
32 this section by maintaining a basic automobile insurance policy
33 containing coverages provided pursuant to subsections a. and b. of
34 section 4 of P.L.1998, c.21 (C.39:6A-3.1).

35 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
36 section, an owner or registered owner of an automobile, as defined
37 in section 2 of P.L.1972, c.70 (C.39:6A-2), registered or primarily
38 garaged in the State may satisfy the requirements of subsection a. of
39 this section by maintaining a special automobile insurance policy
40 containing coverages provided pursuant to subsection b. of section
41 45 of P.L.2003, c.89 (C.39:6A-3.3).

42 d. As used in this section, "commercial motor vehicle" means a
43 commercial motor vehicle as defined pursuant to section 3 of
44 P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.11).

45 (cf: P.L.2003, c.89, s.60)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
2 next following the date of enactment and shall apply to all
3 automobile insurance policies initiated or renewed on or after that
4 date.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill raises the minimum amount of liability coverage for a
10 commercial motor vehicle to \$1.5 million.

11 Under the bill, an owner or a registered owner of a commercial
12 motor vehicle will be required to maintain motor vehicle liability
13 insurance coverage of at least \$1.5 million to insure against loss
14 resulting from liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death, and
15 property damage.