
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 966 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, SCARNATI, SANTARSIERO, YAW, LEACH AND
BAKER, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for
3 definitions and for required benefits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "financial responsibility" in
7 section 1702 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1702. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Financial responsibility." The ability to respond in
15 damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the
16 maintenance or use of a motor vehicle in the minimum amount of
17 ~~[\$15,000]~~ \$30,000 because of injury to one person in any one
18 accident, in the amount of ~~[\$30,000]~~ \$60,000 because of injury

1 to two or more persons in any one accident and in the minimum
2 amount of [~~\$5,000~~] \$15,000 because of damage to property of
3 others in any one accident. The financial responsibility shall
4 be in a form acceptable to the Department of Transportation.

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6 Section 2. Section 1711(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:
7 § 1711. Required benefits.

8 (a) Medical benefit.--An insurer issuing or delivering
9 liability insurance policies covering any motor vehicle of the
10 type required to be registered under this title, except
11 recreational vehicles not intended for highway use, motorcycles,
12 motor-driven cycles or motorized pedalcycles or like type
13 vehicles, registered and operated in this Commonwealth, shall
14 include coverage providing a medical benefit in the amount of
15 [~~\$5,000~~] \$10,000.

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17 Section 3. Any change in coverage of a private passenger
18 automobile insurance policy resulting from the amendment of 75
19 Pa.C.S. § 1702 or 1711(a) shall not impact the validity of any
20 waiver, selection of benefits or amount of benefits in that
21 policy beyond the coverage amounts as a result of the amendment
22 of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1702 or 1711(a), nor require that new forms be
23 signed by the insured named in the policy.

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.