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A BILL

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IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Compulsory/No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act of 1982 to require insurers to disclose the last known physical address of an owner or operator of a motor vehicle that was involved in an accident.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COUMBIA, that this act may be cited as the “Last Known Address Disclosure Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Compulsory/No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act of 1982, effective September 18, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-155; D.C. Official Code § 31-2401 *et seq.*) is amended by adding a new section 12a to read as follows:

“Sec. 12a. Last known address disclosure requirements.

“(a)(1) After a claimant or a claimant’s attorney submits a written claim to an insurer for payment in connection with an accident, and provides the insurer with the information and documents required by subsection (b) of this section, the insurer shall furnish the claimant or the claimant’s attorney with documentation of the physical address, if known, of all owners or operators of the motor vehicle at the time of the accident who were insured by the insurer or who may otherwise be subject to insurance coverage issued by the insurer for that accident.

33           “(2) The physical addresses provided by the insurer pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
34 this subsection shall include all addresses known to the insurer from the time of the accident up to  
35 and including the date of the receipt of the request made by the claimant or the claimant’s attorney.  
36 If an owner’s or operator’s physical address is not known to the insurer, the insurer shall provide  
37 any contact information of that owner or operator in its possession.

38           “(3) An insurer shall provide a claimant or claimant’s attorney the information  
39 required by this subsection no later than 10 days after receipt of the information and documents  
40 specified in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

41           “(b)(1) To obtain from an insurer the information described in subsection (a) of this section,  
42 a claimant or claimant’s attorney shall provide the insurer the following information and  
43 documents:

44                   “(A) The date of the motor vehicle accident;

45                   “(B) The names of all owners or operators of the motor vehicle known to  
46 the claimant or claimant’s attorney;

47                   “(C) A copy of the accident report, if available; and

48                   “(D) The claim number, if available.

49           “(2) In cases in which an individual’s death is alleged to have resulted from an  
50 accident, the claimant or claimant’s attorney shall provide the insurer, in addition to the documents  
51 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, a copy of the decedent’s death certificate.

52           “(c) An owner or operator of a motor vehicle who is insured by a policy of insurance issued  
53 in conformity with this act shall be deemed to have consented to the disclosure of information  
54 described in this section.”.

55           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

56           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
57 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
58 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

59           Sec. 4. Effective date.

60           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor or in the event of veto by the  
61 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto, a 30-day period of congressional review as  
62 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
63 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1), and publication in the District of  
64 Columbia Register.

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