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AN ACT

To repeal sections 105.1073, 303.020, 303.030, 303.120, and 303.190, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to automobile liability insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 105.1073, 303.020, 303.030, 303.120, and 303.190, RSMo, are
2 repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 105.1073,
3 303.020, 303.030, 303.120, and 303.190, to read as follows:

105.1073. Motor vehicle, aircraft, or marine liability insurance acquired pursuant to
2 sections 105.1070 to 105.1079 shall provide coverage for state employees, members of the
3 Missouri National Guard, or agents while operating state-controlled motor vehicles, aircraft, or
4 marine vessels on state business in the course of their employment, military duties, or within the
5 scope of their agency, subject to the following minimum amounts exclusive of interest and costs:

6 (1) Not less than ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of bodily injury to, or the
7 death of, one person in any one accident;

8 (2) Subject to the limit in subdivision (1), not less than ~~[fifty]~~ **one hundred** thousand
9 dollars because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one accident; and

10 (3) Not less than ~~[ten]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of injury to, or destruction of,
11 property of others in any one accident.

303.020. As used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall mean:

2 (1) "Chauffeur", a person who is employed for the principal purpose of operating a motor
3 vehicle or any person who drives a motor vehicle while in use as a public or common carrier of
4 persons or property for hire;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

5 (2) "Director", director of revenue of the state of Missouri, acting directly or through his
6 authorized officers and agents;

7 (3) "Judgment", a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of
8 the United States, upon a claim for relief for damages, including damages for care and loss of
9 services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because of injury to
10 or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, or upon a claim for relief on any
11 agreement or settlement for such damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of
12 any motor vehicle;

13 (4) "License", an operator's or driver's license, temporary instruction permit, chauffeur's
14 or registered operator's license issued under the laws of this state;

15 (5) "Motor vehicle", a self-propelled vehicle which is designed for use upon a highway,
16 except trailers designed for use with such vehicles, traction engines, road rollers, farm tractors,
17 tractor cranes, power shovels, well drillers and motorized bicycles, as defined in section 307.180,
18 and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not
19 operated upon rails;

20 (6) "Nonresident", a person not a resident of the state of Missouri;

21 (7) "Nonresident's operating privilege", the privilege conferred upon a nonresident by
22 the laws of this state pertaining to the operation by him of a motor vehicle, or the use of a motor
23 vehicle owned by him in this state;

24 (8) "Operator", a person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle;

25 (9) "Owner", a person who holds the legal title to a motor vehicle; or in the event a
26 motor vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the
27 right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an
28 immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a
29 mortgagor of a motor vehicle is entitled to possession thereof, then such conditional vendee or
30 lessee or mortgagor;

31 (10) "Proof of financial responsibility", proof of ability to respond in damages for
32 liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of said proof, arising
33 out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in the amount of [~~twenty-five~~] **fifty**
34 thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, and,
35 subject to said limit for one person, in the amount of [~~fifty~~] **one hundred** thousand dollars
36 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and in the
37 amount of [~~ten~~] **fifty** thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others
38 in any one accident;

39 (11) "Registration", registration certificate or certificates and registration plates issued
40 under the laws of this state pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles;

41 (12) "State", any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of
42 Columbia, or any province of the Dominion of Canada;

43 (13) "Street" or "highway", the entire width between property lines of every way or place
44 of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for
45 purposes of vehicular traffic.

303.030. 1. If within twenty days after the receipt of a report of a motor vehicle accident
2 within this state which has resulted in bodily injury or death, or damage to the property of any
3 one person in excess of five hundred dollars, the director does not have on file evidence
4 satisfactory to him that the person who would otherwise be required to file security under
5 subsection 2 of this section has been released from liability, or has been finally adjudicated not
6 to be liable, or has executed a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for the payment
7 of an agreed amount in installments with respect to all claims for injuries or damages resulting
8 from the accident, the director shall determine the amount of security which shall be sufficient
9 in his judgment to satisfy any judgment for damages resulting from such accident as may be
10 recovered against each operator or owner. Any person challenging the director's determination
11 shall have the burden of proving he or she was not at fault.

12 2. The director shall, within ninety days after the receipt of such report of a motor vehicle
13 accident, suspend the license of each operator, and all registrations of each owner of a motor
14 vehicle, in any manner involved in such accident, and if such operator is a nonresident the
15 privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this state, and if such owner is a nonresident the
16 privilege of the use within this state of any motor vehicle owned by him, unless such operator
17 or owner or both shall deposit security in the sum so determined by the director; provided notice
18 of such suspension shall be sent by the director to such operator and owner not less than ten days
19 prior to the effective date of such suspension and shall state the amount required as security;
20 provided, however, that the period of suspension provided for in this section shall be in addition
21 to any period of suspension imposed under sections 303.041 and 303.042.

22 3. Where erroneous information is given the director with respect to the matters set forth
23 in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection 4 of this section, he shall take appropriate action as
24 hereinbefore provided, within forty-five days after receipt by him of correct information with
25 respect to said matters.

26 4. This section shall not apply under the conditions stated in section 303.070, nor:

27 (1) To such operator or owner if such owner had in effect at the time of such accident
28 an automobile liability policy with respect to the motor vehicle involved in such accident;

29 (2) To such operator, if not the owner of such motor vehicle, if there was in effect at the
30 time of such accident an automobile liability policy or bond with respect to his operation of
31 motor vehicles not owned by him;

32 (3) To such operator or owner if the liability of such operator or owner for damages
33 resulting from such accident is, in the judgment of the director, covered by any other form of
34 liability insurance policy or bond; nor

35 (4) To any person qualifying as a self-insurer under section 303.220, nor to any person
36 operating a motor vehicle for such self-insurer.

37 5. No such policy or bond shall be effective under this section unless issued by an
38 insurance company or surety company authorized to do business in this state, except that if such
39 motor vehicle was not registered in this state, or was a motor vehicle which was registered
40 elsewhere than in this state at the effective date of the policy or bond, or the most recent renewal
41 thereof, such policy or bond shall not be effective under this section unless the insurance
42 company or surety company, if not authorized to do business in this state, shall execute a power
43 of attorney authorizing the director to accept service on its behalf of notice or process in any
44 action upon such policy or bond arising out of such accident; provided, however, every such
45 policy or bond is subject, if the accident has resulted in bodily injury or death, to a limit,
46 exclusive of interest and costs, of not less than ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of
47 bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to said limit for one
48 person, to a limit of not less than ~~[fifty]~~ **one hundred** thousand dollars because of bodily injury
49 to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and, if the accident has resulted in injury
50 to or destruction of property, to a limit of not less than ~~[ten]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of
51 injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

303.120. 1. Judgments herein referred to shall, for the purpose of this chapter only, be
2 deemed satisfied:

3 (1) When ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars has been credited upon any judgment or
4 judgments rendered in excess of that amount because of bodily injury to or death of one person
5 as the result of any one accident; or

6 (2) When, subject to such limit of ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of bodily
7 injury to or death of one person, the sum of ~~[fifty]~~ **one hundred** thousand dollars has been
8 credited upon any judgment or judgments rendered in excess of that amount because of bodily
9 injury to or death of two or more persons as the result of any one accident; or

10 (3) When ~~[ten]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars has been credited upon any judgment or judgments
11 rendered in excess of that amount because of injury to or destruction of property of others as a
12 result of any one accident.

13 2. Payments made in settlement of any claims because of bodily injury, death or property
14 damage arising from a motor vehicle accident shall be credited in reduction of the amounts
15 provided for in this section.

303.190. 1. A "motor vehicle liability policy" as said term is used in this chapter shall mean an owner's or an operator's policy of liability insurance, certified as provided in section 303.170 or section 303.180 as proof of financial responsibility, and issued, except as otherwise provided in section 303.180 by an insurance carrier duly authorized to transact business in this state, to or for the benefit of the person named therein as insured.

2. Such owner's policy of liability insurance:

(1) Shall designate by explicit description or by appropriate reference all motor vehicles with respect to which coverage is thereby to be granted;

(2) Shall insure the person named therein and any other person, as insured, using any such motor vehicle or motor vehicles with the express or implied permission of such named insured, against loss from the liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such motor vehicle or motor vehicles within the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, subject to limits, exclusive of interest and costs, with respect to each such motor vehicle, as follows: ~~[twenty-five]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to said limit for one person, ~~[fifty]~~ **one hundred** thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and ~~[ten]~~ **fifty** thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident; and

(3) May exclude coverage against loss from liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the use of such motor vehicles by a member of the named insured's household who is a specifically excluded driver in the policy.

3. Such operator's policy of liability insurance shall insure the person named as insured therein against loss from the liability imposed upon him or her by law for damages arising out of the use by him or her of any motor vehicle not owned by him or her, within the said territorial limits and subject to the same limits of liability as are set forth above with respect to any owner's policy of liability insurance.

4. Such motor vehicle liability policy shall state the name and address of the named insured, the coverage afforded by the policy, the premium charged therefor, the policy period and the limits of liability, and shall contain an agreement or be endorsed that insurance is provided thereunder in accordance with the coverage defined in this chapter as respects bodily injury and death or property damage, or both, and is subject to all the provisions of this chapter.

5. Such motor vehicle liability policy need not insure any liability pursuant to any workers' compensation law nor any liability on account of bodily injury to or death of an employee of the insured while engaged in the employment, other than domestic, of the insured, or while engaged in the operation, maintenance or repair of any such motor vehicle nor any liability for damage to property owned by, rented to, in charge of or transported by the insured.

37 6. Every motor vehicle liability policy shall be subject to the following provisions which
38 need not be contained therein:

39 (1) The liability of the insurance carrier with respect to the insurance required by this
40 chapter shall become absolute whenever injury or damage covered by said motor vehicle liability
41 policy occurs; said policy may not be cancelled or annulled as to such liability by any agreement
42 between the insurance carrier and the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage; no
43 statement made by the insured or on his or her behalf and no violation of said policy shall defeat
44 or void said policy;

45 (2) The satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for such injury or damage shall not be
46 a condition precedent to the right or duty of the insurance carrier to make payment on account
47 of such injury or damage;

48 (3) The insurance carrier shall have the right to settle any claim covered by the policy,
49 and if such settlement is made in good faith, the amount thereof shall be deductible from the
50 limits of liability specified in subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section;

51 (4) The policy, the written application thereof, if any, and any rider or endorsement
52 which does not conflict with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute the entire contract
53 between the parties.

54 7. Any policy which grants the coverage required for a motor vehicle liability policy may
55 also grant any lawful coverage in excess of or in addition to the coverage specified for a motor
56 vehicle liability policy and such excess or additional coverage shall not be subject to the
57 provisions of this chapter. With respect to a policy which grants such excess or additional
58 coverage the term "motor vehicle liability policy" shall apply only to that part of the coverage
59 which is required by this section.

60 8. Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide that the insured shall reimburse the
61 insurance carrier for any payment the insurance carrier would not have been obligated to make
62 under the terms of the policy except for the provisions of this chapter.

63 9. Any motor vehicle liability policy may provide for the prorating of the insurance
64 thereunder with other valid and collectible insurance.

65 10. The requirements of a motor vehicle liability policy may be fulfilled by the policies
66 of one or more insurance carriers which policies together meet such requirements.

67 11. Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor vehicle liability policy shall be
68 deemed to fulfill the requirement for such a policy.

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