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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 34, L.D. 43, Bill, "An Act to Create a Mandatory Automobile Insurance Premium Discount for Safe, Mature Drivers"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2902-G is enacted to read:

§2902-G. Discounted premiums for older drivers

1. Discount; accident prevention course required. Any rates, rating schedules or rating manuals for the liability, personal injury protection and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy submitted to or filed with the bureau must provide for an appropriate discount in premium charges for such coverages for a 3-year period when the principal operator of the covered vehicle is an insured 55 years of age or older who successfully completes a motor vehicle accident prevention course approved by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety.

2. Condition. The premium reduction required by subsection 1 is effective for a 3-year period after an insured 55 years of age or older successfully completes an approved motor vehicle accident prevention course, except that the insurer may require, as a condition of providing and maintaining the discount, that for a 3-year period after the course is completed:

2 A. The insured or a member of the insured's household
4 insured under the policy not be involved in an accident for
6 which the insured is at fault;

8 B. The insured or a member of the insured's household
10 insured under the policy not have committed a moving
12 violation as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection
14 44; or

16 C. The insured or a member of the insured's household
18 insured under the policy not be subject to a driver's
20 license suspension.

22 3. Qualification; certificate. An organization offering an
24 approved motor vehicle accident prevention course used to qualify
26 for the premium discount required by subsection 1 shall issue a
28 certificate to a person who successfully completes the course.

30 4. Application. An insured is not eligible for the premium
32 discount under subsection 1 when the insured is required by a
34 court or other government entity to complete the approved motor
36 vehicle accident prevention course because the insured has
38 committed a moving violation as defined in Title 29-A, section
40 101, subsection 44.

42 5. Eligibility. An insured must pass an approved motor
44 vehicle accident prevention course every 3 years to continue to
46 be eligible for the premium discount.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Highway Safety within the Department of Public
Safety will incur some minor additional costs to review and
approve certain accident prevention courses. These costs can be
absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will
incur some minor additional costs to review additional rate and
rule filings by insurers. These costs can be absorbed within the
department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report. The amendment requires insurance companies to provide a driver 55 years of age or older an appropriate discount on premium charges if the insured successfully completes an accident prevention course approved by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety. The amendment clarifies that in order to maintain eligibility for the discount the insurer may require that the insured or a member of the insured's household insured under the policy not be involved in an at-fault accident, not commit a moving violation and not be subject to a driver's license suspension for a 3-year period after the course is completed.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.