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STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 138, L.D. 180, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Regarding Proof of Financial Responsibility and to Increase the Required Minimum Amounts of Liability Insurance Coverage"

Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of paragraph C and inserting in its place the following:

'C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:

(1) ~~\$10,000--for~~ For damage to property, \$25,000;

(2) ~~\$20,000--for~~ For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000; and

(3) ~~\$40,000--for~~ For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person, \$100,000; and

(4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, \$1,000.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1605-A is enacted to read:

§1605-A. Medical payments

A motor vehicle liability policy covering a private passenger automobile and issued for a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State must provide coverage in an

amount equal to or greater than \$1,000 per person for medical costs incurred as a result of injuries sustained in an accident involving the insured vehicle by the driver and passengers in that vehicle. The coverage required by this section only applies to medical costs incurred during one year following the date the injuries are sustained. This section does not apply to a policy insuring more than 4 automobiles, nor to any policy covering a garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station or public parking place.'

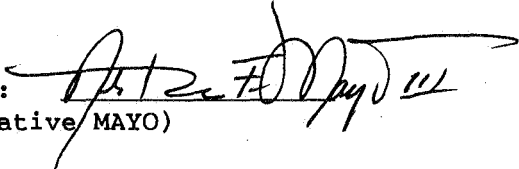
Further amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 8. Applicability. Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 1605 and 1607 and enact section 1605-A apply to all personal motor vehicle liability policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after July 1, 1998. For purposes of this Act, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the policy date.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### SUMMARY

This amendment adds a requirement that minimum amounts of insurance for medical payments be obtained in order to operate a motor vehicle. The amendment also adds an application section to require all insurance policies to comply with the mandatory minimum limits of insurance by July 1, 1998.

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