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H.P. 593

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Decrease the Required Minimum Amounts of Liability
Insurance Coverage for Motor Vehicles.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, COTE of Lewiston, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
GERRY of Auburn, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, KASPRZAK of
Newport, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
4 176, §5 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

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

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

10 (2) For injury to or death of any one person, ~~\$50,000~~
12 \$20,000; and

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

16 ~~(4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A,~~
18 ~~\$1,000.~~

20 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776,
§40, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1607, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
24 176, §7 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

26 **1. Satisfaction.** To meet the obligation of financial
responsibility only, a judgment is satisfied:

28 A. When ~~\$50,000~~ \$20,000 has been credited on a judgment for
30 bodily injury to or death of one person as the result of one
accident rendered in excess of that amount;

32 B. Subject to paragraph A, when ~~\$100,000~~ \$40,000 has been
34 credited on a judgment for bodily injury to or death of 2 or
more people as the result of one accident rendered in excess
of that amount; or

36 C. When ~~\$25,000~~ \$10,000 has been credited on a judgment for
38 injury to or destruction of property of others as a result
of one accident rendered in excess of that amount.

40 **Sec. 4. Applicability.** Those sections of this Act that amend
42 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 1605 and 1607
and repeal section 1605-A apply to all personal motor vehicle
44 liability policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery,
continued or renewed in this State on or after November 1, 1999.
46 For purposes of this Act, all policies are deemed to be renewed
no later than the next yearly anniversary of the policy date.

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill decreases the required minimum amounts of
automobile liability insurance coverage.