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House of Representatives, March 19, 2007

An Act To Increase the Minimum Medical Payments Coverage in Automobile Insurance

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

1 **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. 176, §5 and
3 affected by §8, is further amended to read:

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

5 (1) For damage to property, \$25,000;

6 (2) For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000;

7 (3) For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person,
8 \$100,000; and

9 (4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000.

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §40, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **§1605-A. Medical payments**

13 A motor vehicle liability policy issued for a motor vehicle registered or principally
14 garaged in this State must provide coverage in an amount equal to or greater than ~~\$1,000~~
15 \$5,000 per person for medical costs incurred as a result of injuries sustained in an
16 accident involving the insured vehicle by the driver and passengers in that vehicle. The
17 coverage required by this section only applies to medical costs incurred during one year
18 following the date the injuries are sustained. This section does not apply to a policy
19 insuring more than 4 motor vehicles, nor to any policy covering a garage, automobile
20 sales agency, repair shop, service station or public parking place.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill raises the minimum amount of insurance coverage required for medical
23 payments for automobile liability insurance from \$1,000 to \$5,000.