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S.P. 11

In Senate, January 2, 2019

**An Act To Increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the Minimum Amount
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies Must Cover for Damage
to Property**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FOLEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, POULIOT of Kennebec,
SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: CURTIS of
Madison.

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 2007, c. 213, §1 and
3 affected by §3, is further amended to read:

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

- 5 (1) For damage to property, ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000;
- 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, \$2,000.

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1607, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 176, §7 and
11 affected by §8, is further amended to read:

12 C. When ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 has been credited on a judgment for injury to or
13 destruction of property of others as a result of one accident rendered in excess of that
14 amount.

15 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 703, §23, is
16 further amended to read:

17 B. For vehicles used exclusively to transport passengers for hire between points
18 within the State, including motor vehicles under contract with the State, a
19 municipality or a school district for the transportation of students, but not vehicles
20 defined as school buses in section 2301, subsection 5, there is a combined single limit
21 of:

- 22 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or split limits consisting of
23 \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence for bodily injury liability, and
24 ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 for property damage liability for vehicles that are designed to
25 carry no more than 3 passengers behind the driver's seat;
- 26 (2) Three hundred thousand dollars for vehicles that are designed to carry 4 to 7
27 passengers behind the driver's seat, including those vehicles under contract with
28 the State, a municipality or a school district for the transportation of students;
- 29 (3) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for vehicles that are designed to carry 8
30 to 15 passengers behind the driver's seat;
- 31 (4) One million five hundred thousand dollars for vehicles that are designed to
32 carry 16 to 30 passengers behind the driver's seat;
- 33 (5) Two million dollars for vehicles that are designed to carry 31 or more
34 passengers behind the driver's seat; and
- 35 (6) Four hundred thousand dollars for vehicles registered to a transit district as
36 defined in Title 30-A, section 3501.

