HOUSE BILL No. 4959

September 4, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Farrington, Outman, Kelly, Cotter, Lauwers, McBroom, LaFontaine, Price, Lori and Pettalia and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled

"The insurance code of 1956,"

by amending sections 3021, 3101, 3109, and 3113 (MCL 500.3021, 500.3101, 500.3109, and 500.3113), section 3101 as amended by 2008 PA 241, section 3109 as amended by 2012 PA 454, and section 3113 as amended by 1986 PA 93.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 3021. No EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 3101, AN
 INSURER SHALL NOT CANCEL A policy including any class of motor
 vehicle coverage, shall be cancelled by the insurer, nor shall the
 insurer refuse to issue a renewal policy, nor shall the premium for
 any such policy be increased OR INCREASE A PREMIUM FOR A POLICY
 solely because an insured has reached the age of 65 years, if the
 insured still has a valid Michigan motor vehicle operator's

1 license.

2 Sec. 3101. (1) The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AN owner or registrant of a motor vehicle required to 3 4 be registered in this state shall maintain security for payment of 5 benefits under personal protection insurance, property protection insurance, and residual liability insurance. AN OWNER OR REGISTRANT 6 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE WHO IS 7 AN INDIVIDUAL 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN 8 9 SECURITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE. Security 10 shall only be required to be in effect during the period the motor 11 vehicle is driven or moved upon a highway. Notwithstanding any 12 other provision in this act, an insurer that has issued an automobile insurance policy on a motor vehicle that is not driven 13 14 or moved upon a highway may allow the insured owner or registrant 15 of the motor vehicle to delete a portion of the coverages under the 16 policy and maintain the comprehensive coverage portion of the 17 policy in effect.

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(2) As used in this chapter:

19 (a) "Automobile insurance" means that term as defined in20 section 2102.

(b) "Highway" means that term as defined in section 20 of the
Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.20.

(c) "Motorcycle" means a vehicle having THAT HAS a saddle or
seat for the use of the rider, IS designed to travel on not more
than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, which AND is equipped
with a motor that exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement.
The wheels on any attachment to the vehicle shall not be considered

as wheels in contact with the ground. Motorcycle does not include a
 moped, as defined in section 32b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949
 PA 300, MCL 257.32b. Motorcycle does not include an ORV.

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4 (d) "Motorcycle accident" means a loss involving THAT INVOLVES
5 the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a
6 motorcycle, but not involving DOES NOT INVOLVE the ownership,
7 operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor
8 vehicle.

9 (e) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, 10 operated or designed for operation upon a public highway by power 11 other than muscular power which THAT has more than 2 wheels. Motor 12 vehicle does not include a motorcycle or a moped, as defined in section 32b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.32b. 13 14 Motor vehicle does not include a farm tractor or other implement of 15 husbandry which THAT is not subject to the registration requirements of the Michigan vehicle code pursuant to UNDER section 16 216 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216. Motor 17 18 vehicle does not include an ORV.

19 (f) "Motor vehicle accident" means a loss involving THAT 20 INVOLVES the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor 21 vehicle as a motor vehicle regardless of whether the accident also 22 involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a 23 motorcycle as a motorcycle.

(g) "ORV" means a motor-driven recreation vehicle designed for
off-road use and capable of cross-country travel without benefit of
road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh,
swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV includes, but is not

limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, a motorcycle 1 2 or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, an ATV as defined in 3 4 section 81101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101, or AND ANY other means of 5 6 transportation deriving THAT DERIVES motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV does not include a vehicle described 7 in this subdivision that is registered for use upon a public 8 9 highway and has the security described in section 3101 or 3103 in 10 effect.

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(h) "Owner" means any of the following:

12 (i) A person renting a motor vehicle or having the use thereof
13 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, under a lease or otherwise, for a period that
14 is greater than 30 days.

(*ii*) A person who holds the legal title to a vehicle, other than a person engaged in the business of leasing motor vehicles who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant to **UNDER** a lease providing for the use of the motor vehicle by the lessee for a period that is greater than 30 days.

20 (iii) A person who has the immediate right of possession of a
21 motor vehicle under an installment sale contract.

(i) "Registrant" does not include a person engaged in the
business of leasing motor vehicles who is the lessor of a motor
vehicle pursuant to UNDER a lease providing for the use of the
motor vehicle by the lessee for a period that is greater than 30
days.

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(3) Security may be provided under a policy issued by an

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insurer duly authorized to transact business in this state which
 THAT affords insurance for the payment of benefits described in
 subsection SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (5). A policy of insurance
 represented or sold as providing security is considered to provide
 insurance for the payment of the benefits.

6 (4) Security required by subsection (1) may be provided by any other method approved by the secretary of state as affording 7 security equivalent to that afforded by a policy of insurance, if 8 9 proof of the security is filed and continuously maintained with the 10 secretary of state throughout the period the motor vehicle is 11 driven or moved upon a highway. The person filing the security has 12 all the obligations and rights of an insurer under this chapter. When the context permits, "insurer" as used in this chapter, 13 14 includes any person filing the security as provided in this 15 section.

(5) AN INSURER TRANSACTING INSURANCE IN THIS STATE THAT 16 17 AFFORDS COVERAGE TO PROVIDE SECURITY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) 18 SHALL OFFER TO AN OWNER OR REGISTRANT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED 19 TO BE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL 65 YEARS OF AGE 20 OR OLDER SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE 21 BENEFITS PAYABLE ONLY TO THE OWNER OR REGISTRANT. AN INSURER 22 PROVIDING PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY OFFER, AND PROVIDE FOR IN THE CONTRACT OF INSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLES, 23 24 INCREMENTS OF COVERAGE, AND PROVISIONS FOR THE SUBTRACTION OF OTHER 25 BENEFITS PROVIDED OR REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY 26 STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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Sec. 3109. (1) Benefits provided or required to be provided

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under the laws of any state or the federal government shall be
 subtracted from the personal protection insurance benefits
 otherwise payable for the injury under this chapter.

4 (2) An injured person is a natural person suffering accidental5 bodily injury.

6 (3) An insurer providing personal protection insurance benefits under this chapter may offer, at appropriately reduced 7 premium rates, a deductible of a specified dollar amount. This 8 9 deductible may be applicable to all or any specified types of 10 personal protection insurance benefits, but shall apply only to 11 benefits payable to the person named in the policy, his or her spouse, and any relative of either domiciled in the same household. 12 THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE 13 14 BENEFITS OFFERED UNDER SECTION 3101(5).

Sec. 3113. A person is not entitled to be paid personal protection insurance benefits for accidental bodily injury if at the time of the accident any of the following circumstances existed:

19 (a) The person was using a motor vehicle or motorcycle which
20 THAT he or she had taken unlawfully, unless the person reasonably
21 believed that he or she was entitled to take and use the vehicle.

(b) The person was the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle
or motorcycle involved in the accident with respect to which the
security required by section 3101 or 3103 was not in effect.

(c) The person was not a resident of this state, was an
occupant of a motor vehicle or motorcycle not registered in this
state, and was not insured by an insurer which THAT has filed a

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1 certification in compliance with section 3163.

2 (D) THE PERSON WAS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND WAS THE OWNER 3 OR REGISTRANT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE SECURITY 4 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS TO THE 5 PERSON WAS NOT IN EFFECT.

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