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Introduced by Rep. Iden

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4639**

AN ACT to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, associations, risk retention groups, and purchasing groups engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on risk retention groups and purchasing groups; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to provide for the imposition of regulatory fees on certain insurers; to provide for assessment fees on certain health maintenance organizations; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for regulation over worker’s compensation self-insurers; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to provide for an appropriation; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act,” by amending sections 3009, 3037, 3101, and 3113 (MCL 500.3009, 500.3037, 500.3101, and 500.3113), section 3009 as amended by 1988 PA 43, section 3037 as amended by 1980 PA 461, section 3101 as amended by 2014 PA 492, and section 3113 as amended by 2014 PA 489, and by adding section 3017.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 3009. (1) An automobile liability or motor vehicle liability policy insuring against loss resulting from liability imposed by law for property damage, bodily injury, or death suffered by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle shall not be delivered or issued for delivery in this state with respect to any

motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this state unless the liability coverage is subject to all of the following limits:

(a) A limit, exclusive of interest and costs, of not less than \$20,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of 1 person in any 1 accident.

(b) Subject to the limit for 1 person in subdivision (a), a limit of not less than \$40,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of 2 or more persons in any 1 accident.

(c) A limit of not less than \$10,000.00 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any accident.

(2) If authorized by the insured, automobile liability or motor vehicle liability coverage may be excluded when a vehicle is operated by a named person. An exclusion under this subsection is not valid unless the following notice is on the face of the policy or the declaration page or certificate of the policy and on the certificate of insurance:

Warning—when a named excluded person operates a vehicle all liability coverage is void—no one is insured. Owners of the vehicle and others legally responsible for the acts of the named excluded person remain fully personally liable.

(3) A liability policy described in subsection (1) may exclude coverage for liability as provided in section 3017.

(4) If an insurer deletes coverages from an automobile insurance policy pursuant to section 3101, the insurer shall send documentary evidence of the deletion to the insured.

Sec. 3017. (1) An authorized insurer that issues an insurance policy insuring a personal vehicle may exclude all coverage afforded under the policy for any loss or injury that occurs while a transportation network company driver is logged on to a transportation network company digital network or while a transportation network company driver is providing a prearranged ride. By way of example and not as limitation, all of the following coverages may be excluded under this section:

(a) Residual liability insurance required under sections 3009 and 3101.

(b) Personal protection and property protection insurance required under section 3101.

(c) Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

(d) Comprehensive coverage.

(e) Collision coverage, including coverage required to be offered under section 3037.

(2) This section does not require an automobile insurance policy to provide coverage under any of the following circumstances:

(a) While a transportation network company driver is logged on to a transportation network company digital network.

(b) While a transportation network company driver is engaged in providing a prearranged ride.

(c) While a transportation network company driver otherwise uses a vehicle to transport passengers for compensation.

(3) This section does not preclude an insurer from providing coverage for a transportation network company driver's personal vehicle by contract or endorsement.

(4) An insurer that excludes the coverage described in subsection (1) does not have a duty to defend or indemnify for any claim that is expressly excluded. This section does not invalidate or limit an exclusion contained in a policy, including a policy in use or approved for use in this state before the effective date of this section, that excludes coverage for vehicles that are used to carry individuals or property for a charge or that are available for hire by the public. An insurer that defends or indemnifies for a claim against a transportation network company driver who is excluded under the terms of the policy has a right of contribution against other insurers that provided automobile insurance to the transportation network company driver in satisfaction of the coverage requirements of section 23 of the limousine, taxicab, and transportation network company act at the time of the loss.

(5) An insurer that provides automobile insurance to a transportation network company shall comply with section 23(5), (6), and (9) of the limousine, taxicab, and transportation network company act.

(6) During an investigation of whether a claim is covered under an insurance policy, a transportation network company and any insurer that provides coverage under section 23 of the limousine, taxicab, and transportation network company act shall cooperate to facilitate the exchange of relevant information with persons who are directly involved and any insurer of the transportation network company driver. Relevant information required to be exchanged under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) The times that the transportation network company driver logged on to and logged off of the transportation network company digital network during the 12 hours preceding the accident and the 12 hours following the accident.

(b) A clear description of the coverage, exclusions, and limits under any insurance policy maintained as required by section 23 of the limousine, taxicab, and transportation network company act.

(7) As used in this section, all of the following terms mean those terms as defined in section 2 of the limousine, taxicab, and transportation network company act:

(a) "Personal vehicle".

- (b) "Prearranged ride".
- (c) "Transportation network company".
- (d) "Transportation network company digital network".
- (e) "Transportation network company driver".

Sec. 3037. (1) At the time a new applicant for the insurance required by section 3101 for a private passenger nonfleet automobile makes an initial written application to the insurer, an insurer shall offer both of the following collision coverages to the applicant:

(a) Limited collision coverage, which must pay for collision damage to the insured vehicle without a deductible amount if the operator of the vehicle is not substantially at fault in the accident from which the damage arose.

(b) Broad form collision coverage, which must pay for collision damage to the insured vehicle regardless of fault, with deductibles in the amounts as approved by the director, which deductibles must be waived if the operator of the vehicle is not substantially at fault in the accident from which the damage arose.

(2) In addition to the coverages offered under subsection (1), standard and limited collision coverage may be offered with deductibles as approved by the director.

(3) An insurer may limit collision coverage offered under this section as provided in section 3017.

(4) If the applicant is required by the insurer to sign the written application form described in subsection (1), and if the applicant chooses to reject both of the collision coverages, or limited collision without a deductible, offered under subsection (1), the rejection must be made in writing, either on a separate form, as part of the application, or in some combination of these, as approved by the director. The rejection statement must inform the applicant of his or her rights if there is damage to the insured vehicle under the alternative coverage option selected.

(5) If a written application is made by mail, and if the applicant fails to sign or return a written rejection statement as required by subsection (4), the requirements of subsection (4) are considered to be satisfied with respect to the insurer if all of the following occur:

(a) The application provides the applicant with an opportunity to select the coverages required to be offered under subsection (1).

(b) The applicant is requested to sign the rejection statement, either as part of the application or as a separate form issued with the application, if the applicant fails to select either of the coverages specified in subsection (1).

(c) The applicant signed the application as otherwise required by the insurer.

(6) At the time of the initial written application described in subsection (1), an agent or insurer shall provide the applicant with a written explanation of collision coverage options in easily understandable language, if that information is not contained in the application form.

(7) At least annually in conjunction with the renewal of a private passenger nonfleet automobile insurance policy, or at the time of an addition, deletion, or substitution of a vehicle under an existing policy, other than a group policy, an insurer shall inform the policyholder, on a form approved by the director, of all of the following:

(a) The current status of collision coverage, if any, for the vehicle or vehicles affected by the renewal or change and the rights of the insured under the current coverage if the vehicle is damaged.

(b) The collision coverages available under the policy and the rights of the insured under each collision option if the vehicle is damaged.

(c) Procedures for the policyholder to follow if he or she wishes to change the current collision coverage.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) "Collision damage" does not include losses customarily insured under comprehensive coverages.

(b) "Substantially at fault" means a person's action or inaction was more than 50% of the cause of the accident.

Sec. 3101. (1) The owner or registrant of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state shall maintain security for payment of benefits under personal protection insurance, property protection insurance, and residual liability insurance. Security is only required to be in effect during the period the motor vehicle is driven or moved on a highway. Notwithstanding any other provision in this act, an insurer that has issued an automobile insurance policy on a motor vehicle that is not driven or moved on a highway may allow the insured owner or registrant of the motor vehicle to delete a portion of the coverages under the policy and maintain the comprehensive coverage portion of the policy in effect.

(2) As used in this chapter:

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

(b) "Commercial quadricycle" means a vehicle to which all of the following apply:

(i) The vehicle has fully operative pedals for propulsion entirely by human power.

(ii) The vehicle has at least 4 wheels and is operated in a manner similar to a bicycle.

(iii) The vehicle has at least 6 seats for passengers.

(iv) The vehicle is designed to be occupied by a driver and powered either by passengers providing pedal power to the drive train of the vehicle or by a motor capable of propelling the vehicle in the absence of human power.

(v) The vehicle is used for commercial purposes.

(vi) The vehicle is operated by the owner of the vehicle or an employee of the owner of the vehicle.

(c) "Golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.

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

(e) "Moped" means that term as defined in section 32b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.32b.

(f) "Motorcycle" means a vehicle 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, and is equipped with a motor that exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement. For purposes of this subdivision, the wheels on any attachment to the vehicle are not considered as wheels in contact with the ground. Motorcycle does not include a moped or an ORV.

(g) "Motorcycle accident" means a loss that involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a motorcycle, but does not involve the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle.

(h) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, that is operated or designed for operation on a public highway by power other than muscular power and has more than 2 wheels. Motor vehicle does not include any of the following:

(i) A motorcycle.

(ii) A moped.

(iii) A farm tractor or other implement of husbandry that is not subject to the registration requirements of the Michigan vehicle code under section 216 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216.

(iv) An ORV.

(v) A golf cart.

(vi) A power-driven mobility device.

(vii) A commercial quadricycle.

(i) "Motor vehicle accident" means a loss that involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle regardless of whether the accident also involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a motorcycle.

(j) "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 or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, an ATV as defined in section 81101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV does not include a vehicle described in this subdivision that is registered for use on a public highway and has the security required under subsection (1) or section 3103 in effect.

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

(i) A person renting a motor vehicle or having the use of a motor vehicle, under a lease or otherwise, for a period that is greater than 30 days.

(ii) A person renting a motorcycle or having the use of a motorcycle under a lease for a period that is greater than 30 days, or otherwise for a period that is greater than 30 consecutive days. A person who borrows a motorcycle for a period that is less than 30 consecutive days with the consent of the owner is not an owner under this subparagraph.

(iii) A person that holds the legal title to a motor vehicle or motorcycle, other than a person engaged in the business of leasing motor vehicles or motorcycles that is the lessor of a motor vehicle or motorcycle under a lease that provides for the use of the motor vehicle or motorcycle by the lessee for a period that is greater than 30 days.

(iv) A person that has the immediate right of possession of a motor vehicle or motorcycle under an installment sale contract.

(l) "Power-driven mobility device" means a wheelchair or other mobility device powered by a battery, fuel, or other engine and designed to be used by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion.

(m) "Registrant" does not include a person engaged in the business of leasing motor vehicles or motorcycles that is the lessor of a motor vehicle or motorcycle under a lease that provides for the use of the motor vehicle or motorcycle by the lessee for a period that is longer than 30 days.

(3) Security required by subsection (1) may be provided under a policy issued by an authorized insurer that affords insurance for the payment of benefits described in subsection (1). A policy of insurance represented or sold as providing security is considered to provide insurance for the payment of the benefits.

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

(5) An insurer that issues a policy that provides the security required under subsection (1) may exclude coverage under the policy as provided in section 3017.

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:

(a) The person was willingly operating or willingly using a motor vehicle or motorcycle that was taken unlawfully, and the person knew or should have known that the motor vehicle or motorcycle was taken unlawfully.

(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 the motor vehicle or motorcycle was not insured by an insurer that has filed a certification in compliance with section 3163.

(d) The person was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle as to which he or she was named as an excluded operator as allowed under section 3009(2).

(e) The person was the owner or operator of a motor vehicle for which coverage was excluded under a policy exclusion authorized under section 3017.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) House Bill No. 4637.
- (b) House Bill No. 4640.
- (c) House Bill No. 4641.
- (d) Senate Bill No. 392.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor