



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6166

LCO No. 3274



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT INCREASING THE MOTOR VEHICLES MINIMUM FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LIMITS UPON A CONVICTION OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-112 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) (1) (A) To entitle any person to receive or retain a motor vehicle
5 operator's license or a certificate of registration of any motor vehicle
6 when, in the opinion of the commissioner, such person has a record on
7 file with the commissioner which is sufficient, in the opinion of the
8 commissioner, to require evidence of financial responsibility for the
9 reasonable protection of other persons, the commissioner shall require
10 from such person proof of financial responsibility to satisfy any claim
11 for damages by reason of personal injury to, or the death of, any one
12 person, of twenty thousand dollars, or by reason of personal injury to,
13 or the death of, more than one person on account of any accident, of at
14 least forty thousand dollars, and for damage to property of at least ten
15 thousand dollars.

16 (B) If any person who is the holder of a motor vehicle operator's
17 license has been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or
18 drugs, or both, the commissioner shall require from such person proof
19 of financial responsibility to satisfy any claim for damages by reason of
20 personal injury to, or the death of, any one person, of one hundred
21 thousand dollars, or by reason of personal injury to, or the death of,
22 more than one person on account of any accident, of at least three
23 hundred thousand dollars, and for damage to property of at least fifty
24 thousand dollars. The commissioner shall require such proof of
25 financial responsibility for as long as such conviction remains on such
26 person's driving history.

27 (C) When the commissioner requires proof of financial
28 responsibility from an operator or owner of any motor vehicle, [he] the
29 commissioner may require proof in the amounts herein specified for
30 each vehicle operated or owned by such person.

31 (2) If any person fails to furnish such proof, the commissioner shall,
32 until such proof is furnished, suspend or revoke the license of such
33 person to operate a motor vehicle or refuse to return any license which
34 has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of
35 section 14-111 or suspend or revoke the registration of any such motor
36 vehicle or vehicles or refuse thereafter to register any motor vehicle
37 owned by such person or refuse to register any motor vehicle
38 transferred by [him] such person if it does not appear to the
39 commissioner's satisfaction that such transfer is a bona fide sale, or, if
40 such person is not a resident of this state, withdraw from such person
41 the privilege of operating any motor vehicle in this state and the
42 privilege of operation within this state of any motor vehicle owned by
43 him. Prior to such suspension, revocation or withdrawal, notice thereof
44 shall be given by the commissioner by a notice forwarded by bulk
45 certified mail to the address of such person as shown by the records of
46 the commissioner. No appeal taken from the judgment of any court
47 shall act as a stay to any action of the commissioner authorized by the
48 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	14-112(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the motor vehicles minimum financial responsibility limits upon a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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