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Statement

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SB 241, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF PRIVATE PASSENGER  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE REGISTERED  
AUTOMOBILE OWNER

I am Eric George, President of the Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC). The IAC opposes SB 241, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE REGISTERED AUTOMOBILE OWNER.

SB 241 would it require an insurer to continue auto insurance coverage for a deceased registrant for 60 days following the notification of such death to the insurer. Moreover, SB 241 would require such policy to remain in effect for the 60 days for any reason whatsoever, not being limited to just nonpayment of premium.

Please bear in mind that there are many instances where it would be appropriate for the insured to cancel such policy following the death of the registrant, including when the family so requests such cancellation.

Also, by having the 60 day period begin when the insurer is notified, SB 241 would lead to potentially extremely long waiting periods after the registrant has passed away. Quite simply, the registrant's family may not notify the insurer of his or her death for quite a while.

SB 241 would create both underwriting and processing problems. In underwriting terms, questions would arise such as "is the new operator eligible?" and "how has vehicle usage changed?". In processing terms, questions would arise such as "who is responsible for paying any premium that may become due?" and "who should the insurer contact for any needed policy information?".

Given all of the questions, and uncertainty, surrounding SB 241, IAC urges its rejection. Thank you for the opportunity to present IAC's viewpoint.