

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 494

Short Title: Increase MV Liability Limits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Odom.

Referred to: Insurance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM FINANCIAL  
3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 Section 1. G.S. 20-279.1 reads as rewritten:  
6 **"§ 20-279.1. Definitions.**  
7 The following words and phrases, when used in this Article, shall, for the purposes  
8 of this Article, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in  
9 those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:  
10 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 1330, s. 39.  
11 (2) 'Conviction': A conviction upon a plea of guilty, or of nolo  
12 contendere, or the determination of guilt by a jury or by a court  
13 though no sentence has been imposed or, if imposed, has been  
14 suspended, and it includes a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited  
15 to secure appearance in court of the defendant, unless the forfeiture  
16 has been vacated.  
17 (3) 'Judgment': Any judgment which shall have become final by  
18 expiration without appeal of the time within which an appeal might  
19 have been perfected, or by final affirmation on appeal, rendered by a  
20 court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States,  
21 upon a cause of action arising out of the ownership, maintenance or  
22 use of any motor vehicle, for damages, including damages for care  
23 and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any  
24 person, or for damages because of injury to or destruction of

- 1 property, including the loss of use thereof, or upon a cause of action  
2 on an agreement of settlement for such damages.
- 3 (4) to (6) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c.  
4 1330, s. 39.
- 5 (7) 'Nonresident's operating privilege': The privilege conferred  
6 upon a nonresident by the laws of this State pertaining to the  
7 operation by him of a motor vehicle in this State.
- 8 (8) to (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c.  
9 1330, s. 39.
- 10 (11) 'Proof of financial responsibility': Proof of ability to respond in  
11 damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to  
12 the effective date of said proof, arising out of the ownership,  
13 maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in the amount of twenty-five  
14 thousand dollars (\$25,000) because of bodily injury to or death of one  
15 person in any one accident, and, subject to said limit for one person, in  
16 the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) because of bodily injury  
17 to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and in the  
18 amount of ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars  
19 (\$25,000) because of injury to or destruction of property of others in  
20 any one accident. Nothing contained herein shall prevent an insurer  
21 and an insured from entering into a contract, not affecting third parties,  
22 providing for a deductible as to property damage at a rate approved by  
23 the Commissioner of Insurance.
- 24 (12) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 1330, s. 39."  
25 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective September 1, 1991.