

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 358  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/1/03  
Senate Commerce Committee Substitute Adopted 5/20/03**

Short Title: Increase Damage Limits for MV Accidents.

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March 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE AMOUNTS ON DEFINED MOTOR  
2 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-36-75(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) The subclassification plan promulgated pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65(b) may  
7 provide for separate surcharges for major, intermediate, and minor accidents. A "major  
8 accident" is an at-fault accident that results in either (i) bodily injury or death or (ii)  
9 only property damage of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ three thousand  
10 dollars (\$3,000) or more. An "intermediate accident" is an at-fault accident that results  
11 in only property damage of more than ~~one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ one  
12 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) but less than ~~two thousand five hundred dollars~~  
13 ~~(\$2,500)~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000). A "minor accident" is an at-fault accident that  
14 results in only property damage of ~~one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ one  
15 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) or less. The subclassification plan may also  
16 exempt certain minor accidents from the Facility recoupment surcharge. The Bureau  
17 shall assign varying Safe Driver Incentive Plan point values and surcharges for bodily  
18 injury in at-fault accidents that are commensurate with the severity of the injury,  
19 provided that the point value and surcharge assigned for the most severe bodily injury  
20 shall not exceed the point value and surcharge assigned to a major accident involving  
21 only property damage."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004, and applies to  
23 accidents occurring on and after that date.