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PROTECT CONSUMERS - URGE YOUR SENATOR TO SUPPORT BUDGET AMENDMENT 41

CONTACT YOUR SENATOR TODAY! URGE YOUR SENATOR TO SUPPORT BUDGET AMENDMENT 41 PROTECTING CONSUMERS BY CLARIFYING THE PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR SURCHARGEABLE AT-FAULT ACCIDENTS.

On July 1, 2015, the property damage liability dollar amounts for Minor and Major at-fault accidents were increased to \$1,001 and \$5,001 respectively. However, some insurance companies, that have filed their own Safe Drive Insurance Plans (SDIP), have not complied with the law and are still surcharging insureds for at-fault accidents where the property damage claims are less than the new dollar amounts. As a result, insureds are forced to appeal the surcharges with a filing fee of \$50, perhaps take a day out of work, just to have the Motor Vehicle Board of Appeals dismiss the surcharge.

Clearly, the intent of the new property damage liability dollar amounts was to apply to both the Mass SDIP as well as to safe driver plans filed by individual insurance companies.

Urge your Senator to support Budget Amendment 41, filed by Senator Mark Montigny, clarifying the law that no insurance company shall apply an increase in premium (surcharge) as a result of an at-fault accident that does not satisfy the minor and major accident property damage liability amounts of \$1,001 and \$5,001 respectively, whether under the Mass SDIP or an individual company safe driver plan.

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