

ACT 306

S.B. NO. 3378

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Act 347, Session Laws of Hawaii 1987, Section 431:10C-301 is amended to read as follows:

“§431:10C-301 Required motor vehicle policy coverage. (a) In order to meet the requirements of a no-fault policy as provided in this article, an insurance policy covering a motor vehicle shall provide:

- (1) Coverage specified in section 431:10C-304; and
 - (2) Insurance to pay on behalf of the owner or any operator of the insured motor vehicle using the motor vehicle with the express or implied permission of the named insured, sums which the owner or operator may legally be obligated to pay for injury, death, or damage to property of others, except property owned by, being transported by, or in the charge of the insured, which arise out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of the motor vehicle.
- (b) A motor vehicle insurance policy shall include:
- (1) Liability coverage of not less than \$35,000 for all damages arising out of accidental harm sustained by any one person as a result of any one accident applicable to each person sustaining accidental harm arising out of ownership, maintenance, use, loading, or unloading of the insured vehicle;
 - (2) Liability coverage of not less than \$10,000 for all damages arising out of injury to or destruction of property including motor vehicles and including the loss of use thereof, but not including property owned by, being transported by, or in the charge of the insured, as a result of any one accident arising out of ownership, maintenance, use, loading, or unloading, of the insured vehicle; [and]
 - (3) With respect to any motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State, liability coverage provided therein or supplemental thereto, in limits for bodily injury or death set forth in section 287-7, under

provisions filed with and approved by the commissioner, for the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of uninsured motor vehicles because of bodily injury, sickness, or disease, including death, resulting therefrom; provided, however, that the coverage required under this [section] paragraph shall not be applicable where any named insured [named] in the policy shall reject the coverage in writing[.]; and

- (4) Coverage for loss resulting from bodily injury or death suffered by any person legally entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of underinsured motor vehicles. An insurer may offer the underinsured motorist coverage required by this paragraph in the same manner as uninsured motorist coverage; provided that such offer of both shall:
 - (A) Be conspicuously displayed so as to be readily noticeable by the insured;
 - (B) Set forth the premium for the coverage adjacent to the offer in such a manner that the premium is clearly identifiable with the offer and may be easily subtracted from the total premium to determine the premium payment due in the event the insured elects not to purchase the option; and
 - (C) Provide for written rejection of the coverage by requiring the insured to affix the insured's signature in a location adjacent to or directly below the offer."

SECTION 2. Act 347, Session Laws of Hawaii 1987, Section 431:10C-302 is amended to read as follows:

"§431:10C-302 Required optional additional insurance. (a) In addition to the no-fault coverages described in section 431:10C-301, every insurer issuing a no-fault policy shall make available to the insured the following optional insurance under the following conditions:

- (1) At the option of the insured, provisions covering loss resulting from damage to the insured's motor vehicle with such deductibles as the commissioner, by regulation, shall provide;
- (2) At the option of the insured, compensation to the insured, the insured's spouse, any dependents, or any occupants of the insured's vehicle for damages not covered by no-fault benefits;
- (3) Additional coverages and benefits with respect to any injury, death, or any other loss from motor vehicle accidents or from operation of a motor vehicle for which the insurer may provide for aggregate limits with respect to such additional coverage so long as the basic liability coverages provided are not less than those required by section 431:10C-301(b)(1) and (b)(2);
- [(4) Coverage for loss resulting from bodily injury or death suffered by any person legally entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of underinsured motor vehicles;
- (5) (4) Terms, conditions, exclusions, and deductible clauses, coverages and benefits which:
 - (A) Are consistent with the required provisions of such policy,
 - (B) Limit the variety of coverage available so as to give buyers of insurance reasonable opportunity to compare the cost of insuring with various insurers, and
 - (C) Are approved by the commissioner as fair and equitable; and

[(6)] (5) At appropriately reduced premium rates, deductibles applicable only to claims of a no-fault¹ insured or of the insured's survivors in case of the insured's death in the amounts of \$100, \$300, and \$500 from all no-fault insureds to whom the deductible is applicable under the contract of insurance are injured in the same accident, the aggregate amount of the deductible applicable to all of them shall not exceed the specified deductible, which amount where necessary shall be allocated equally among them.

(b) In accordance with the [regulations promulgated] rules adopted by the commissioner, a policy of insurance described in this section shall contain a provision specifying the periods within which claims may be filed and action¹ may be brought against the insurer."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect six months after its approval.

(Approved June 13, 1988.)

Note

1. So in original.