

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0188

Motor vehicle liability policies.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Meuli

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending requirements
2 for motor vehicle liability policies and financial
3 responsibility as specified; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-9-102(a)(xi), 31-9-202(d),
9 31-9-405(a) and (b)(ii) and 31-9-409(a) are amended to
10 read:

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12 **31-9-102. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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16 (xi) "Proof of financial responsibility" means
17 evidence of ability to respond in damages for liability and

1 medical costs, resulting from accidents occurring
2 subsequent to the effective date of the proof, arising out
3 of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in
4 the ~~amount of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~
5 ~~because of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in~~
6 ~~any one (1) accident, and subject to the limit for one (1)~~
7 ~~person, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars~~
8 ~~(\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two~~
9 ~~(2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and in the~~
10 ~~amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) because of~~
11 ~~injury to or destruction of property of others in any one~~
12 ~~(1) accident~~ amounts specified in W.S. 31-9-405(b) ;

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14 **31-9-202. Suspension of license and registration**
15 **after accident report; exclusions and security**
16 **requirements.**

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18 (d) No insurance policy or surety bond is effective
19 under this section unless issued by an insurance company or
20 surety company authorized to do business in this state,
21 except that if the motor vehicle was not registered in this
22 state, or was a motor vehicle which was registered
23 elsewhere than in this state at the effective date of the
24 policy or bond, or the most recent renewal thereof, the

1 policy or bond is not effective under this section unless
2 the insurance company or surety company if not authorized
3 to do business in this state executes a power of attorney
4 authorizing the division to accept service on its behalf of
5 notice or process in any action upon the policy or bond
6 arising out of the accident. Every policy or bond shall be
7 subject, if the accident has resulted in bodily injury or
8 death, to ~~a limit, exclusive of interest and costs, of not~~
9 ~~less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) because~~
10 ~~of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one~~
11 ~~(1) accident and, subject to the limit for one (1) person,~~
12 ~~to a limit of not less than fifty thousand dollars~~
13 ~~(\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two~~
14 ~~(2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and, if the~~
15 ~~accident has resulted in injury to or destruction of~~
16 ~~property, to a limit of not less than twenty thousand~~
17 ~~dollars (\$20,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of~~
18 ~~property of others in any one (1) accident~~ the limits
19 specified in W.S. 31-9-405 (b).

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21 **31-9-405. "Liability policy" defined; required**
22 **coverage; additional clauses.**

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1 (a) As used in this act "liability policy" means an
2 owner's or an operator's policy of liability insurance,
3 certified as provided in W.S. 31-9-403 or 31-9-404 as proof
4 of financial responsibility, and issued, except as
5 otherwise provided in W.S. 31-9-404, by an insurance
6 carrier authorized to transact business in this state, to
7 or for the benefit of the person named as insured, the
8 owner of the vehicle, if different, the operator of the
9 vehicle and the passengers in any motor vehicle involved in
10 a motor vehicle accident involving the covered motor
11 vehicle.

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13 (b) An owner's policy of liability insurance shall:

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15 (ii) Insure the person named and, except for
16 persons specifically excluded pursuant to W.S. 26-35-105,
17 any other person, as insured, using any covered motor
18 vehicle with the express or implied permission of the named
19 insured for medical costs incurred and against loss from
20 the liability imposed by law for damages arising out of the
21 ownership, maintenance or use of the motor vehicle within
22 the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada,
23 subject to limits exclusive of interest and costs with
24 respect to each motor vehicle, as follows:

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2 (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars
3 (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one
4 (1) person in any one (1) accident and, subject to the
5 limit for one (1) person, fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two
7 (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident;~~and~~

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9 (B) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)
10 because of injury to or destruction of property of others
11 in any one (1) accident;~~and~~ and

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13 (C) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for
14 medical costs of the owner or operator of the covered motor
15 vehicle and any passenger not covered under subparagraph
16 (A) of this paragraph.

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18 **31-9-409. Cash and securities deposited with state**
19 **treasurer.**

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21 (a) Proof of financial responsibility may be
22 evidenced by the certificate of the state treasurer that
23 the person named therein has deposited with him ~~twenty-five~~
24 ~~thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ fifty thousand dollars

1 (\$50,000.00) in cash, or securities as provided by W.S.
2 9-4-821 or as may legally be purchased for trust funds of a
3 market value of ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~
4 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The state treasurer
5 shall not accept any deposit and issue a certificate
6 therefor and the division shall not accept the certificates
7 unless accompanied by evidence that there are no
8 unsatisfied judgments of any character against the
9 depositor in the county where the depositor resides.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective April 1, 2003.

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