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Representative Fine Urges Governor to Sign Legislation Protecting Motorists Involved in Accidents

GLENVIEW, IL – In an effort to protect individuals traveling Illinois roads, state Representative Laura Fine (D-Glenview) is urging the governor to sign legislation increasing the mandatory minimum auto liability insurance that drivers must carry.

In 1989, the General Assembly began requiring all motorists to have auto insurance. The law was designed to ensure all drivers had minimum coverage so the person at fault could help cover medical costs and property damage caused by the accident.

“Since drivers in Illinois were first required to carry insurance, the minimum auto liability requirement has not increased,” Fine said. “At the same time, the costs of goods and services, especially health care, have continually grown. This is a small step to help bridge the difference between the two and protect our motorists.”

Under current law, Illinois’ mandatory minimum auto liability insurance coverage is among the lowest in the country. The bill raises coverage for bodily injury or death of one person from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and for two or more persons from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The proposal also increases minimum coverage for property damage from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

“This legislation will not affect anyone already carrying more than the minimum coverage required,” said Fine. “This measure will help drivers with minimum auto liability insurance to cover more costs and avoid paying out of pocket for expenses incurred from an accident. I urge the governor to quickly sign this legislation into law.”

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