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## **Rep. Fine-Sponsored Legislation Protecting Motorists Involved in Accidents Becomes Law**

**GLENVIEW, ILL.** – A new law sponsored by state Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, to protect motorists involved in accidents and reduce their out-of-pocket costs was recently signed into law.

“I know, first-hand, how important insurance is to individuals involved in an accident,” Fine said. “Insurance not only protects those at fault from paying out-of-pocket expenses, but it also ensures that the people in other vehicles receive the financial assistance they need while recovering from the accident.”

Senate Bill 1898, which Fine introduced in the House, increases the minimum insurance policy Illinois motorists must carry. The new law increases the required 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 measure also increases minimum coverage for property damage from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Previously, Illinois’ mandatory minimum auto liability insurance coverage was among the lowest in the country.

In 1989, the General Assembly began requiring all motorists to carry 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 an accident.

“This is the first time in nearly 25 years that the mandatory minimum for auto liability insurance has increased,” Fine said. “During that time, the cost of living and medical services has steadily increased. This new law is a good first step toward addressing this inequality.”

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