



## Did You Know?

According to a [Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Study](#):

- If PIP were to be eliminated in Florida, the estimated overall reduction in premiums would be 9.6% on the liability coverage package.
- Florida drivers would save an average of \$81 per car annually.

From 2010-2015, the [Division of Fraud \(DIF\) within the Department of Financial Services \(DFS\)](#) has arrested:

- Over 1,100 people for staging accidents.
- Over 90 clinic owners, 15 doctors and 37 chiropractors for fraud.
- More than 200 people in schemes involving fake insurance cards.
- Nearly 100 patients for their involvement in fraudulent claims not related to staged accidents.

## REFRESHER: HB 19 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

### BACKGROUND

HB 19 amends current law relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance by repealing mandatory Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage and replacing it with mandatory Bodily Injury (BI) coverage.

Last session's Motor Vehicle Insurance bill, CS/CS/HB 1063, passed the House, but died in the Senate. It was reintroduced with nearly identical language, by Representative Grall and was reported favorably out of the Commerce Committee on November 7, 2017.

**The bottom line:** HB 19 aims to bring accountability and responsibility to auto insurance by repealing mandatory PIP and replacing it with BI coverage, which will help decrease premiums for Florida drivers. Thirty-eight states have a similar system.

### BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- The bill repeals mandatory PIP insurance coverage and replaces it with mandatory BI coverage. Repealing PIP without altering BI limits would save an average of \$81 per car annually.
- The bill increases the minimum BI coverage limits. Even with increased BI limits, the bill is estimated to save drivers \$68.12 per car annually.
  - Requires Florida drivers to obtain BI coverage at \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 for two or more persons, rather than \$10,000 and \$20,000, respectively.
  - Maintains the \$10,000 requirement for Property Damage coverage.
- The bill requires that BI coverage must be obtained prior to registering a vehicle.
- The bill does not change the limits for commercial vehicles, taxis, limos, busses, etc.