

Bill Snapshot

CS/CS/HB 1063: Motor Vehicle Insurance

CS/CS/HB 1063 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.

Since 1971, Personal Injury Protection (PIP), also known as Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Insurance, has been the required insurance coverage for all drivers in the state of Florida. In addition, the Financial Responsibility Law requires all Florida drivers at fault in an accident to be accountable for bodily injuries or deaths (BI) up to \$10,000 for one person, \$20,000 for two or more persons, and \$10,000 for damage to property (PD). While PIP and PD coverage is required at the time of registration, BI coverage may be secured through insurance or other means following an accident.

PIP has gone through multiple revisions since its inception, but went through a major overhaul in 2012 due to rampant fraud and abuse driving up premiums. While there was an initial decrease in premiums after the 2012 reform, premiums have risen once again and are approximately 9 percent higher than they were before the 2012 reform.

In addition to repealing mandatory PIP:

- The bill increases the minimum BI coverage limits.
 - Requires Florida drivers to obtain BI coverage at \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 for two or more persons.
 - Maintains the \$10,000 requirement for PD 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.

