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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATUTORY AMOUNTS THAT DETERMINE THE ASSESSMENT OF SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN POINTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A GRADUATED INSURANCE POINT AND SURCHARGE SCHEDULE FOR BODILY INJURY CAUSED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 58-36-75(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The subclassification plan promulgated pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65(b) may provide for separate surcharges for major, intermediate, and minor accidents. A 'major accident' is an at-fault accident that results in either (i) bodily injury or death or (ii) only property damage of ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more. An 'intermediate accident' is an at-fault accident that results in only property damage of more than ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) but less than ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). A 'minor accident' is an at-fault accident that results in only property damage of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or less. The subclassification plan may also exempt certain minor accidents from the Facility recoupment surcharge. The Bureau shall assign varying Safe Driver Incentive

1 Plan point values and surcharges for bodily injury in at-fault accidents that are
2 commensurate with the severity of the injury, provided that the point value and surcharge
3 assigned for the most severe bodily injury shall not exceed the point value and surcharge
4 assigned to a major accident involving only property damage."

5 Section 2. The North Carolina Rate Bureau shall amend the subclassification
6 plan to implement the provisions of this act no later than October 1, 1997. The
7 amendments to the plan become effective January 1, 1998, and apply to at-fault accidents
8 that occur on or after that date. With respect to any at-fault accidents occurring prior to
9 January 1, 1998, the surcharge and period for which the surcharge is applied and
10 collected shall be determined by the subclassification plan in effect at the time the at-fault
11 accident occurred.

12 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.