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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 257

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RENTAL CAR INSURANCE  
COVERAGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend § 6101, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3           § 6101. Negligence of owners and drivers of rented vehicles; insurance of liability.

4           (a) The owner of a motor vehicle who is engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles without drivers, who  
5 rents ~~any such a~~ a vehicle without a driver to another, ~~otherwise other~~ other than as a part of a bona fide transaction involving the  
6 sale of ~~such the~~ the motor vehicle, and permits the renter to operate the vehicle upon the highways and who does not carry or  
7 cause to be carried public liability insurance in an insurance company or companies approved by the Insurance  
8 Commissioner of this State insuring the renter against liability arising out of the renter's negligence in the operation of ~~such~~  
9 the rented vehicle in limits of not less than \$10,000 ~~for anyone killed or injured and \$20,000 for any number more than 1~~  
10 ~~injured or killed in any 1 accident, and against liability of the renter for property damage in the limit of not less than \$5,000~~  
11 ~~for 1 accident, the minimum financial responsibility limits required under § 2902 of this title, shall be jointly and severally~~  
12 ~~liable with the renter for any damages caused by the negligence of the latter renter in operating the vehicle and for any~~  
13 ~~damages caused by the negligence of renting the vehicle from the owner.~~

SYNOPSIS

This Act changes Delaware's law related to liability insurance for rental vehicles. Under the Act, the minimum level of coverage required for a vehicle owner's policy of liability insurance under § 2902 of this title is also required for a vehicle owner's rental of a vehicle.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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