

**No. 80. An act relating to motor vehicle insurance for volunteer drivers.**

(H.639)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4211 is added to read:

§ 4211. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

(a) An insurer may not refuse to issue motor vehicle liability insurance to an applicant solely because the applicant is a volunteer driver. An insurer may not impose a surcharge or otherwise increase the rate for a motor vehicle policy solely on the basis that the named insured, a member of the insured's household, or a person who customarily operates the insured's vehicle is a volunteer driver.

(b) For purposes of this section, "volunteer driver" means a person who provides services, including transporting individuals or goods, without compensation above mileage expenses to a charitable organization or nonprofit corporation established under Title 11B, pursuant to a written agreement.

(c) This section does not prohibit an insurer from refusing to renew, imposing a surcharge on, or otherwise raising the rate for a motor vehicle liability insurance policy based upon factors other than the volunteer status of the insured driver.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 1 of this act shall apply to all policies and contracts offered, issued, or renewed on and after September 1, 2010.

Approved: April 20, 2010