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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bissonnette of Winooski,  
Botzow of Pownal, Clerkin of Hartford, Dickinson of St.  
Albans Town, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Shand of  
Weathersfield, Turner of Milton and Wilson of Manchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicle insurance; volunteer drivers

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit insurers from refusing to  
provide motor vehicle insurance based solely on an applicant's status as a  
volunteer driver.

An act relating to motor vehicle insurance for volunteer drivers

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

1 household, or a person who customarily operates the insured's vehicle is a  
2 volunteer driver.

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

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

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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*(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.

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