

Auto Insurance Fairness Reform

Problem: An oddity of the current VT law means some innocent car wreck victims don't get the full value of their OWN underinsured motorist policy. Despite having more damages than all the insurance available, the at-fault driver's insurance payments are deducted from the victim's OWN policy limit.

Solution: Amend Vermont law so the innocent victim gets the full value of their OWN underinsured motorist insurance policy.

**Example:
Rear-End Crash**

At-Fault Driver
• \$25K liability insurance policy (state law minimum)

Injured Victim
• \$100K in damages (lost wages/health bills/pain & suffering)
• \$50K Underinsured Motorist Insurance (UIM) coverage (state law minimum)

Result

Current Law

Current law allows at-fault driver's insurance to be deducted from a victim's underinsured motorist policy, thereby shorting the victim of \$25K of their \$50K policy.

Proposed Law

Proposed law allows an injured victim access to the full value of their underinsured motorist

