

House Bill 529

By: Representatives Williams of the 148th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Gunter of the 8th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Titles 33 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
2 and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for minimum amounts of
3 uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage to be maintained by transportation network
4 companies and taxi service companies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
5 effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code
9 Section 33-1-24, relating to insurance requirements for transportation network companies
10 and their drivers, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) A transportation network company shall maintain or cause to be maintained a primary
12 motor vehicle insurance policy that:

13 (1) Recognizes the driver as a transportation network company driver and explicitly
14 covers the driver's provision of transportation network company services as defined in
15 paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section;

16 (2) During the time period defined in subparagraph (a)(5)(A) of this Code section,
 17 provides a minimum of \$100,000.00 for bodily injuries to or death of all persons in any
 18 one accident with a maximum of \$50,000.00 for bodily injuries to or death of one person
 19 and \$50,000.00 for loss of or damage to property of others, excluding cargo, in any one
 20 accident; and

21 (3) During the time period defined in subparagraph (a)(5)(B) of this Code section,
 22 provides a minimum of \$1 million for death, personal injury, and property damage per
 23 occurrence and provides uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage ~~of at least~~
 24 \$1 million as required by Code Section 33-7-11, with minimum limits of \$300,000.00 for
 25 bodily injuries to or death of all persons in any one accident with a maximum of
 26 \$100,000.00 for bodily injuries to or death of one person and \$25,000.00 for loss of or
 27 damage to property of others, excluding cargo, in any one accident."

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SECTION 2.

29 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
 30 amended in Code Section 40-1-193.1, relating to registration of taxi services and
 31 requirements to operate taxi service, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

32 "(c) Each taxi service doing business or operating in this state shall:

33 (1) Take all necessary steps to determine that each driver utilized by such taxi service,
 34 whether as an employee or independent contractor, possesses and maintains any required
 35 permits or licenses required by the federal government or this state;

36 (2) Ensure that each driver utilized by such taxi service, whether as an employee or
 37 independent contractor, has a current for-hire license endorsement or current private
 38 background check certification pursuant to Code Section 40-5-39;

39 (3) Have a zero tolerance policy with regard to the use of drugs or alcohol while on duty
 40 in place for drivers utilized by such taxi service, whether as an employee or independent
 41 contractor;

42 (4) Obtain and maintain personal injury and property damage liability insurance, which
43 shall provide for the protection of passengers and property carried and of the public
44 against injury in the coverage amounts as required by law; and

45 (5) Obtain and maintain uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage as required by
46 Code Section 33-7-11, with a minimum of \$300,000.00 for bodily injuries to or death of
47 all persons in any one accident with a maximum of \$100,000.00 for bodily injuries to or
48 death of one person and \$25,000.00 for loss of or damage to property of others, excluding
49 cargo, in any one accident; and

50 (6) Comply with the provisions of Code Section 40-8-7. No vehicle inspections shall be
51 required for vehicles used by taxi services."

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023, and shall apply to causes of action accruing
54 on or after July 1, 2023.

55 **SECTION 4.**

56 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.