
By Mr. Foley, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 630) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation relative to uninsured and underinsured motor vehicle coverages. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTOR
VEHICLE COVERAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 113L of Chapter 175 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 380 of the Acts
3 of 1972, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (1) and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 (1) No policy shall be issued or delivered in the Common-
6 wealth with respect to a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer
7 registered in this state unless such policy provides coverage in
8 amounts or limits prescribed for bodily injury or death for a
9 liability policy under this chapter, under provisions approved
10 by the insurance commissioner, for the protection of persons
11 insured thereunder who are legally entitled to recover dam-
12 ages from owners or operators of uninsured motor vehicles,
13 trailers, or semi-trailers and hit-and-run motor vehicles, trail-
14 ers or semi-trailers because of bodily injury, sickness or dis-
15 ease, including death, resulting therefrom.

1 SECTION 2. Section 113L of Chapter 175 of the General
2 Laws is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph
3 (2) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term “uninsured
5 motorists” shall include protection of persons injured there-
6 under who are legally entitled to recover damages from own-
7 ers or operators of insured motor vehicles, trailers or semi-
8 trailers whose policies or bonds are insufficient in limits of
9 liability to satisfy said damages to the extent that said dam-
10 ages exceed said limits of liability subject to the terms of the
11 policy.

