

CHAPTER 97-84

House Bill No. 9

An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.732, F.S.; including motor vehicles used as public school transportation in the definition of “motor vehicle” for insurance purposes; amending s. 627.733, F.S.; providing an exemption from a requirement to maintain certain financial security; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 627.732, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.732 Definitions.—As used in ss. 627.730-627.7405:

(1) “Motor vehicle” means any self-propelled vehicle with four or more wheels which is of a type both designed and required to be licensed for use on the highways of this state and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such vehicle and includes:

(a) A “private passenger motor vehicle,” which is any motor vehicle which is a sedan, station wagon, or jeep-type vehicle and, if not used primarily for occupational, professional, or business purposes, a motor vehicle of the pickup, panel, van, camper, or motor home type.

(b) A “commercial motor vehicle,” which is any motor vehicle which is not a private passenger motor vehicle.

The term “motor vehicle” does not include a mobile home or any motor vehicle which is used in mass transit, other than ~~or~~ public school transportation, and designed to transport more than five passengers exclusive of the operator of the motor vehicle and which is owned by a municipality, a transit ~~or public school transportation~~ authority, or a political subdivision of the state.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 627.733, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.733 Required security.—

(1) Every owner or registrant of a motor vehicle, other than a motor vehicle used as a taxicab, school bus as defined in s. 234.051, or limousine, required to be registered and licensed in this state shall maintain security as required by subsection (3) in effect continuously throughout the registration or licensing period.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997, and shall apply to policies issued on or after such date.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 1997.

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