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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state vehicles; requiring
3 insurance on vehicles used by employees
4 performing law-enforcement duties; prescribing
5 uses for which coverage must be provided;
6 providing for reimbursement for certain
7 off-duty use; providing for rules; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Insurance for state-owned law enforcement
13 vehicles.--

14 (1) The state shall provide insurance for each motor
15 vehicle owned by the state and used by a state employee whose
16 duties are those of a law enforcement officer, as defined in
17 section 943.10, Florida Statutes, in carrying out his or her
18 official duties. Such insurance shall provide coverage for the
19 vehicle when it is being used during the employee's normal
20 working hours. If the employee uses the vehicle at the
21 direction or with the permission of the employing entity for
22 purposes such as travel to and from lunch breaks, travel to
23 and from training or other approved activities, and incidental
24 stops, such use shall be deemed work related and the insurance
25 must provide the same coverage for that use as is provided for
26 use during normal working hours.

27 (2) If the employee uses the vehicle for off-duty work
28 for which he or she must reimburse the state, that
29 reimbursement must include a reasonable reimbursement for
30 insurance coverage on the vehicle while it is used for the
31 off-duty work. The Division of Risk Management shall adopt

1 rules assessing the amount of such reimbursement for insurance
2 costs associated with off-duty use and may adopt rules that
3 provide for a deductible in an amount of not more than \$500
4 per incident when the employee was determined to be at fault
5 in the incident and was using the vehicle in approved
6 activities for which he or she was liable to reimburse the
7 state.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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Requires the state to provide insurance on state-owned vehicles used by state employees performing law-enforcement functions and to provide the same coverage for work-related use and approved off-duty use as for use during normal working hours. Provides that when the employee is using the vehicle for off-duty work and is required to reimburse the state for such use, the reimbursement must include the cost of insurance coverage for that period.