

By Senator Atwater

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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 within the

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

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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11 SENATE SUMMARY

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