HB 711 2009

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to wrongful death coverage; amending s. 768.21, F.S.; prohibiting certain insurance policies from including family exclusions for wrongful death claims; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 768.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

768.21 Damages.--All potential beneficiaries of a recovery for wrongful death, including the decedent's estate, shall be identified in the complaint, and their relationships to the decedent shall be alleged. Damages may be awarded as follows:

(9) A motor vehicle liability insurance policy which provides bodily injury liability coverage may not, on the basis that the decedent or a claimant is an insured, a relative of an insured, or a member of the household of an insured, exclude insurance coverage for damages that are recoverable under this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, and apply to motor vehicle insurance policies entered into or renewed on or after this date.