By Senator Thrasher

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending
3	s. 627.727, F.S.; revising and limiting the damages
4	that are recoverable from an uninsured motorist
5	carrier in a civil action; providing an effective
6	date.
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8	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10	Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 627.727, Florida
11	Statutes, is amended to read:
12	627.727 Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and underinsured
13	vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection
14	(10) The damages recoverable from an uninsured motorist
15	carrier in an action brought under s. 624.155 <del>shall</del> include <del>the</del>
16	total amount of the claimant's damages, including the amount in
17	excess of the policy limits, any unpaid benefits up to the
18	policy limits, interest on unpaid benefits, reasonable
19	attorney's fees and costs, and any economic compensatory damages
20	<u>directly</u> caused by a <u>delay in paying benefits</u> <del>violation of a law</del>
21	of this state. The total amount of the claimant's damages is
22	recoverable whether caused by an insurer or by a third-party
23	tortfeasor.
24	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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