

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Diaz

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Insurance

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I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 477889 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 477889 removes language in the Senate bill that is relevant to workers' compensation. This language is not relevant to the bill, which requires a law enforcement agency to provide motor vehicle insurance coverage for a law enforcement vehicle the agency authorizes a law enforcement officer to take home. The amendment is also a conforming amendment because the House bill does not contain this language.

Specifically, the Senate bill provides that if an employing agency authorizes a law enforcement officer to travel to his or her place of residence in an official law enforcement vehicle "outside of the course and scope of the officer's employment or function," the employing agency must maintain current and valid motor vehicle insurance coverage as specified in the bill. The quoted language is removed by the House amendment. The removed language is relevant to the "going or coming" rule in workers compensation. Section 440.092(2), F.S., provides that, except as otherwise provided in that subsection, an injury to a law enforcement officer during the officer's work period or while going to or coming from work in an official law enforcement vehicle is presumed to be an injury arising out of and in the course of employment unless the injury occurred during a distinct deviation for a nonessential personal errand. The bill does not address workers' compensation; therefore, the removed language has no bearing on the bill's purpose.