

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 471

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2022

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 471.

This bill requires all standard and basic automobile insurance policies to provide \$250,000 of personal injury protection for medical expense benefits.

Under current law, the standard automobile policy provides a number of different coverage options and the opportunity to buy additional protection. One option allows drivers to purchase medical expense benefits in the amounts of \$250,000, \$150,000, \$75,000, \$50,000 or \$15,000 per person per accident. This bill eliminates the option to purchase medical expense benefits in those amounts, and instead provides that all standard policies will include \$250,000 of medical expense benefits.

This bill provides that all basic policies must include \$250,000 of personal injury protection per person per accident for medical expense benefits. Under current law, basic policies must provide \$15,000 per person per accident, except that, medical expense benefits shall be paid in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 under certain circumstances.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.