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131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 640, L.D. 1004, “An Act to Allow a Qualifying Religious Organization to Self-insure for Automobile Insurance”

Amend the bill by inserting after enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

B. By the deposit of money or securities; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 254, §1, is further amended to read:

C. For a corporation that is a transmission and distribution utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 20-B, by satisfying the Secretary of State that the corporation has financial ability to comply with the requirements of this subchapter; ~~;~~  
or

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. For a qualifying religious organization, by meeting the requirements of section 1613.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1613 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. The religious organization has been recognized by the United States Social Security Administration as an eligible religious group under Section 1402(g) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and has filed Form 4029 with the federal Internal Revenue Service.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1613 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 31 to 37 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**2. Requirements for self-insurance.** Upon application, the religious organization shall file with the Secretary of State satisfactory proof of an irrevocable letter of credit from a qualified financial institution or the deposit of money and securities as provided in section

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 1605, subsection 3, paragraph B and section 1605, subsection 4 that the religious  
2 organization meets the following minimum requirements:

3 A. For 5 to 10 motor vehicles, the amount of the irrevocable letter of credit or deposit  
4 of money and securities must be equal to a combined single limit of \$250,000; and

5 B. For more than 10 motor vehicles, the amount in paragraph A must be increased by  
6 \$5,000 per motor vehicle.'

7 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

8 '**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
9 allocations are made.

10 **SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

12 Initiative: Provides allocations to establish one Public Service Manager position, 2 Public  
13 Service Coordinator positions, one Assistant Risk Assessor position, one Attorney position,  
14 one Office Specialist I position and for related All Other costs to establish a program to  
15 evaluate the ability of qualifying religious organizations to self-insure motor vehicles.

16 <b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
17 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
18 Personal Services	\$637,247	\$659,700
19 All Other	\$497,035	\$33,672
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21 <b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,134,282</u>	<u>\$693,372</u>

22 '  
23 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
24 number to read consecutively.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment is the minority report of the committee and makes the following  
27 changes to the bill.

28 1. It clarifies that a religious organization must provide documentation that the  
29 organization has been recognized by the United States Social Security Administration as a  
30 religious group under United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regulations.

31 2. It removes the maximum required amount of \$300,000 as proof of financial  
32 responsibility and provides that for each motor vehicle over 10 the financial responsibility  
33 requirements increase \$5,000 per vehicle instead of \$1,000 per vehicle.

34 3. It adds language that requires a religious organization to file evidence of an  
35 irrevocable letter of credit with the Secretary of State as proof of financial responsibility.

36 4. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

37 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

38 **(See attached)**