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## Overview

This bill deals with auto insurance coverage of a rental vehicle, when the owner of a damaged vehicle needs a temporary replacement rental vehicle, which auto insurance covers under the insured's collision or comprehensive coverage.

**1** Standards for automobile insurance claims handling, settlement offers, and agreements. Adds to the existing statutory list of unfair claims settlement practices by insurance companies in connection with auto insurance claims. The addition is failure by the insurance company to tell the insured that the insured may select any rental vehicle company as the source of a temporary replacement vehicle while the damaged vehicle is repaired or replaced. If the insurance company recommends a specific rental vehicle company, the insurance company must tell the insured, using a script provided in the bill, that the insured has the right to choose the rental company.

Effective date is August 1, 2011, and applies to claims incurred on or after that date, under insurance policies issued or renewed on or after that date.