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2017 SENATE BILL 489

October 27, 2017 - Introduced by Senator PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives FELZKOWSKI, PETRYK and SKOWRONSKI. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Housing and Trade.

1 **AN ACT to create** 194.41 (6) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** insurance
2 requirements for intrastate motor carriers of passengers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill specifies the minimum liability insurance policy limit applicable to motor carriers of passengers operating solely in intrastate commerce.

Current law requires proof of motor vehicle liability insurance as a prerequisite to obtaining a motor carrier operating permit. The minimum policy limit required for this insurance is generally an amount specified under federal law (currently between \$300,000 and \$5,000,000). Current law, however, specifies different minimum policy limit amounts for two carrier types: 1) for a vehicle with a gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds that is not transporting hazardous materials, \$300,000; and 2) for taxicabs operating as motor carriers, either the amount required by the local taxicab regulating ordinance or \$50,000 for bodily injury and \$10,000 for property damage, whichever is greater.

This bill specifies that for motor carriers of passengers that operate solely in intrastate commerce, the minimum policy limit is the following:

1. For a motor vehicle with a passenger-carrying capacity of 15 or fewer passengers, \$500,000.

2. For a motor vehicle with a passenger-carrying capacity of 16 or more passengers, \$1,000,000.

