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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Rodriguez; Smallwood Rep. Bird; Van Winkle	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** **COVERAGE LEVELS FOR OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill establishes coverage requirements for occupational accident insurance for certain commercial vehicle operators. The bill increases state workload in FY 2022-23 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a contract between motor or contract carriers and independent contractors must provide for coverage under workers' compensation or an occupational accident insurance policy that provides similar coverage. This bill changes the definition of similar coverage for occupational accident insurance to mean a policy that provides a minimum aggregate policy limit of \$1,500,000 for all benefits paid for the benefit of the operator, including medical, temporary and permanent disability, death and dismemberment, and survivor benefits. Under the bill, a commercial vehicle operator who meets certain requirements is eligible to purchase an occupational accident insurance policy rather than a workers' compensation policy.

## State Expenditures

In FY 2022-23 only, the Division of Insurance in the Department of Regulatory Agencies will have an increase in workload to review additional rate and form filings, and respond to inquiries on the new coverage. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 17, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Information Technology

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Regulatory Agencies