

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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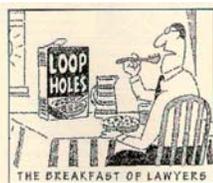
Limited Tort Loophole

*75 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1705(d)(1)(i) details an individual who elected limited tort...

*However, what if the driver at fault dies as a result of the accident?

*House Bill 276 would provide a victim to recover full benefits if:

- the driver dies as a result of the crash
- the driver's blood alcohol level was at or above the legal limit of .08%
- showed the presence of any Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances that were not medically prescribed



Highly Automated Vehicles

*In 2017, an estimated 40,100 people were killed in an automobile accident, while an estimated 4.57 million people were injured. (According to National Safety Council)

*Senate Bill 427 would allow for the testing of Highly Automated Vehicles (HAV) on PA's Transportation System.

*Carnegie Mellon University and Uber currently legally testing HAVs in this Commonwealth

*California, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia have enacted a form of HAV testing

*Forbes estimates 10 million self-driving vehicles by 2020, with 1 out of every 4 by 2030.



Jay Alerts

▪ In November of 2016, Jayanna Powell was walking home from school in West Philadelphia when she was struck and killed by a vehicle.

▪ The driver fled the scene and had an accomplice attempt to take the vehicle to get repaired.

▪ House Bill 359 would expand the current Amber Alert system to include Hit-and-Run Advisory Alerts.

▪ House Bill 360 would require the investigating law enforcement authority to alert all vehicle repair facilities in Pennsylvania via system developed by PennDOT. The information provided shall include, but not be limited to, as available, the following:

- Vehicle make, model, year, and color,
- License Plate Number,
- Unique identifying characteristics, and/or
- Extent of damage





Increasing Property Damage Coverage Requirements

- Present law requires minimum of \$5,000 property damage coverage on auto policy
- House Bill 2224 would increase the property damage requirement to \$10,000
- Current law hasn't been amended in decades
- Average car now costs over \$30,000



Jeep Owners Don't Just Wave

▪ The Vehicle Code currently states that it is unlawful to, "willfully or intentionally:

- remove or render inoperative, in whole or in part, any item of vehicle equipment which was required to be installed at the time of manufacture or thereafter upon any vehicle...
- by any law, rule, regulation or requirement of any officer or agency of the United States or of the Commonwealth..."

▪ Jeep Wranglers have removable doors...can remove off-road, illegal on highways.

▪ House Bill 976 would allow the removal of Jeep doors on highways

▪ Bill was laid on the table September 24, 2018



THANK YOU

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