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3	(By Delegate Rodighiero)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Banking and Insurance then the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$17D-2A-4$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to motor vehicle insurance; deer
12	caused damage.
13	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
14	That §17D-2A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
15	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
16	ARTICLE 2A. SECURITY UPON MOTOR VEHICLES.
17	§17D-2A-4. Certificate of insurance.
18	(a) All insurance carriers transacting insurance in this state
19	shall supply a certificate to the insured or to any person subject
20	to the registration provisions of article three, chapter seventeen-
21	a of this code, certifying that there is in effect a motor vehicle
22	liability policy upon such motor vehicle in accordance with the
23	provisions of article three, chapter seventeen-a of this code. The

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1 certificate shall give its effective date and the effective date of 2 the policy and, unless the policy is issued to a person who is not 3 the owner of a motor vehicle, must designate by explicit 4 description, in such detail as the commissioner of the Division of 5 Motor Vehicles shall by rule require, all motor vehicles covered 6 and all replacement vehicles of similar classification: *Provided*, 7 That on and after July 1, 1984, insurance companies shall supply a 8 certificate of insurance in duplicate for each policy term and for 9 each vehicle included in a policy, except for those listed in a 10 fleet policy. Each such certificate of insurance shall list the 11 name of the policyholder and the name of the vehicle owner if 12 different from the policyholder.

13 The certificate must specify for each vehicle listed therein, 14 that there is a minimum liability insurance coverage not less than 15 the requirements of section two, article four, chapter seventeen-d 16 of this code.

17 (b) The certificate provided pursuant to the provisions of 18 this section or other proof of insurance shall be carried by the 19 insured in the appropriate vehicle for use as proof of security, 20 and must be presented at the time of vehicle inspection as required 21 by article sixteen, chapter seventeen-c of this code. Any person 22 violating the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a 23 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less 24 than \$200 nor more than \$5,000; and upon a second or subsequent

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1 conviction, shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000, 2 or confined in the county or regional jail for not less than 3 fifteen days nor more than one year, or both: Provided, That an 4 insured shall not be guilty of a violation of this subsection (b) 5 if he or she furnishes proof that such insurance was in effect 6 within seven days of being cited for not carrying such certificate 7 or other proof in such vehicle.

8 (c) As used in this section, proof of insurance means a 9 certificate of insurance, an insurance policy, a mechanically 10 reproduced copy of an insurance policy, a certificate of self-11 insurance, or a copy of the current registration issued to a motor 12 carrier by the Public Service Commission: (1) Through the single 13 state registration system established pursuant to section fourteen, 14 article six-a, chapter twenty-four-a of this code; or (2) pursuant 15 to the provisions of section four, article six, chapter twenty-16 four-a of this code.

17 <u>(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this code, any</u> 18 person striking a deer on a state highway shall not be liable for 19 repair costs exceeding \$200 regardless of the amount of the 20 deductible required from their motor vehicle insurance policy.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit costs to automobile owners for repairs needed when they hit a deer on a public highway. Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from

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the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.