

Session 109 - (1991-1992)

S 0195 General Bill, By M.T. Rose

A Bill to amend Title 38 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 78 creating the Motor Vehicle Insurance Claim Mediation Act, so as to create a voluntary motor vehicle dispute procedure at the Department of Insurance; to define "dispute", "department", and "claimant"; to provide that persons involved in a motor vehicle accident dispute must file a written notice of claim with the Department of Insurance; to provide that the Department communicate settlement offers to a claimant and that all offers of settlement are valid for at least fifteen days; to provide that the Insurance Department devise a settlement form to be used to memorialize a settlement agreement; to provide that no court may have jurisdiction over any lawsuit regarding the claimant for one hundred and twenty days after receipt of the claim by the Department of Insurance; and to provide that an insurance company must provide written notification of the mediation process when a claim is rejected or a settlement offer is tendered.

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