

This bill would require a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance to provide coverage for damages which the surviving relatives of the insured are entitled to recover from the owner or operator of an uninsured motor vehicle because of the death of the insured.

House Bill 1112, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 24, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 626.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 626**

AN ACT concerning

**Uninsured Motorist Coverage – Damages for Death of Insured – Wrongful Death Claims**

FOR the purpose of requiring a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance to provide coverage for certain damages which the surviving relatives of the insured are entitled to recover from the owner or operator of an uninsured motor vehicle because of the death of the insured under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to wrongful death claims under the uninsured motorist coverage provision in a motor vehicle liability insurance policy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 541(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 48A – Insurance Code**

541.

(c) (1) In this subsection “uninsured motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle whose ownership, maintenance, or use has resulted in the bodily injury or death of an insured, and for which the sum of the limits of liability under all valid and collectible liability insurance policies, bonds, and securities applicable to the bodily injury or death is less than the amount of coverage provided ~~to the insured~~ under this subsection.

(2) (I) In addition to any other coverage required by this subtitle, every policy of motor vehicle liability insurance issued, sold, or delivered in this State after July 1, 1975 shall contain coverage ~~{, in}~~ AT LEAST THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 17 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE FOR DAMAGES, SUBJECT TO POLICY LIMITS, WHICH: