

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2900

Title: An act relating to accident prevention for older drivers.

Brief Description: Extending incentives for older drivers taking accident prevention classes.

Sponsors: Representatives Schoesler, Buck and Rockefeller.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Meeting Date: February 3, 2000.

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Background: Automobile insurance premiums must provide appropriate reductions in premiums for insured persons who are at least 55 years old and who successfully complete a vehicle accident prevention course. The vehicle accident prevention course must meet criteria established by the Department of Licensing. The criteria must include a requirement that the course be a minimum of 8 hours. An 8-hour self-instructional course is available in areas where a classroom course is not available.

The reduced premium for successfully completing the vehicle accident reduction course applies for 2 years; in order to maintain the discount, a person must successfully complete the course every 2 years.

Summary of Bill: The reduced premium for successfully completing the vehicle accident reduction course applies for 5 years; in order to maintain the discount, a person must successfully complete the course every 5 years.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after the session in which the bill passes.