

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-137
HOUSE BILL 358**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE AMOUNTS ON DEFINED MOTOR
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-36-75(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The subclassification plan promulgated pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65(b) may provide for separate surcharges for major, intermediate, and minor accidents. A "major accident" is an at-fault accident that results in either (i) bodily injury or death or (ii) only property damage of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more. An "intermediate accident" is an at-fault accident that results in only property damage of more than ~~one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) but less than ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000). A "minor accident" is an at-fault accident that results in only property damage of ~~one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) or less. The subclassification plan may also exempt certain minor accidents from the Facility recoupment surcharge. The Bureau shall assign varying Safe Driver Incentive Plan point values and surcharges for bodily injury in at-fault accidents that are commensurate with the severity of the injury, provided that the point value and surcharge assigned for the most severe bodily injury shall not exceed the point value and surcharge assigned to a major accident involving only property damage."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2004, and applies to accidents occurring on and after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of May, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:30 p.m. this 4th day of June, 2003