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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1974 SESSION

By Assemblymen EWING and RIZZOLO

AN ACT to supplement the "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Law," approved May 10, 1952 (P. L. 1952, c. 174).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The provisions of ***[section]*** **sections 9, 13 and* 24* of the
2 act of which this act is supplementary (C. **39:6-69, 39:6-73 and**
3 *39:6-84*) as amended by ***[section]*** **sections 3, 4 and* 5* of P. L.
4 1972, c. 198 which ***[increases]*** **increase** the maximum amounts
5 payable from the fund shall be applicable only to claims made by
6 qualified persons, or the personal representatives of such persons,
7 who suffered damages resulting from bodily injury or death or
8 damage to property arising out of the ownership, maintenance or
9 use of a motor vehicle in this State on or after January 1, 1973, and
10 whose damages may be satisfied in whole or in part from the fund.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to
2 January 1, 1973.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The provisions of section 24 of the act of which this act is
2 supplementary (C. 39:6-84) as amended by section 5 of P. L. 1972,
3 c. 198 which increases the maximum amounts payable from the fund
4 shall be applicable only to claims made by qualified persons, or the
5 personal representatives of such persons, who suffered damages
6 resulting from bodily injury or death or damage to property
7 arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle
8 in this State on or after January 1, 1973, and whose damages may
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STATEMENT

This bill would clarify that the increase in the liability of the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund, from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 enacted in section 5 of P. L. 1972, c. 198 (C. 39:6-84) was only intended to apply to accidents which occurred after the effective date of that act, January 1, 1973. A recent court decision interpreted the new limits to apply to accidents occurring before that date. The Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund does not have the resources available to pay the increased limits on accidents prior to January 1, 1973. The bill would also remove any incentive to process claims against the fund slowly.