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(Requires certain insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances.)

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**SPONSOR(S)** Nicholas P. Scutari and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 6/9/2022

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: ---

**SENATE**: Commerce

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 6/29/2022

**SENATE**: 6/29/2022

**DATE OF APPROVAL: 8/5/2022** 

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Yes

S2843

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No.

**SENATE**: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A4293

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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### P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 95, *approved August 5*, *2022* Senate, No. 2843

1 **AN ACT** concerning disclosure of certain insurance policy limits and supplementing P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.).

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

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- b. A request for disclosure of policy limits shall be in writing and shall include:
- (1) a statement that the attorney represents an individual who has suffered bodily injury or death alleged to be caused by an accident with an insured under an insurance policy issued by the insurer, entity, or business;
  - (2) the name and last known address of the insured;
  - (3) the date and approximate time of the accident;
- (4) a copy of the accident report, if available, relating to the accident; and
- (5) in the case of a motor vehicle accident, a statement from the claimant, or an attorney representing the claimant, providing insurance information, which shall include the claimant's:
  - (a) insurer, policy number, and policyholder name;
  - (b) tort threshold selection; and
  - (c) personal injury protection coverage limit.
- c. Disclosure of policy limits under this section shall not constitute an admission that the alleged injury or damage is subject to the policy.
- d. Information concerning the insurance policy shall not be admissible as evidence at trial by reason of disclosure pursuant to this section. The disclosure shall be confidential and available only to the individual injured and the attorney representing the injured person and personnel in the office of the attorney.
- e. The Department of Banking and Insurance shall publish on its website the email address of each insurer, which shall be supplied by each insurer issuing applicable policies in this State, for the purpose

of receiving requests for policy limit disclosures pursuant to this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, except subsection e. of section 1 of this act shall take effect on the 60th day next following enactment.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill provides that an insurer who receives certain requests, from attorneys admitted to the practice of law in this State, for disclosure of the policy limits under an insurance policy issued by the insurer to an insured, shall provide written disclosure of the policy limits to the attorney within 30 days from receipt of the request. The disclosure shall indicate the limits of all applicable insurance policies and any applicable umbrella or excess liability insurance policies issued by the insurer to the insured.

The bill provides that a request for disclosure of policy limits shall be in writing and shall include:

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Under the bill, disclosure of policy limits does not constitute an admission that the alleged injury or damage is subject to the policy, and information concerning the insurance policy is not admissible as evidence at trial by reason of disclosure pursuant to the bill. The disclosure is to be confidential and available only to the individual injured and the attorney representing the injured person and personnel in the office of the attorney.

The Department of Banking and Insurance is required to publish on its website the email address of each insurer, which shall be supplied by each insurer issuing applicable policies in this State, for the purpose of receiving requests for policy limit disclosures. This provision takes effect on the 60th day next following enactment of the bill.

- Requires certain insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by
- an attorney under certain circumstances. 2

### **SENATE, No. 2843**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 9, 2022

**Sponsored by:** 

Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)** 

Senator JON M. BRAMNICK

**District 21 (Morris, Somerset and Union)** 

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

**District 33 (Hudson)** 

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

**AN ACT** concerning disclosure of certain insurance policy limits 2 and supplementing P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.).

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

- 1. a. An insurer who receives a request, from an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this State, for disclosure of the policy limits under an insurance policy issued by the insurer to an insured, shall provide written disclosure of the policy limits to the attorney no later than 30 days from receipt of the request. The disclosure shall indicate the limits of all applicable insurance policies and any applicable umbrella or excess liability insurance policies issued by the insurer to the insured.
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### SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2843**

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JUNE 20, 2022** 

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2843.

This bill provides that an insurer who receives certain requests, from attorneys admitted to the practice of law in this State, for disclosure of the policy limits under an insurance policy issued by the insurer to an insured, shall provide written disclosure of the policy limits to the attorney within 30 days from receipt of the request. The disclosure shall indicate the limits of all applicable insurance policies and any applicable umbrella or excess liability insurance policies issued by the insurer to the insured.

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### ASSEMBLY, No. 4293

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 2022

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI
District 33 (Hudson)
Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO
District 20 (Union)
Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY
District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

**AN ACT** concerning disclosure of certain insurance policy limits 2 and supplementing P.L.1972, c.197 (C.39:6B-1 et seq.).

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

- 1. a. An insurer who receives a request, from an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this State, for disclosure of the policy limits under an insurance policy issued by the insurer to an insured, shall provide written disclosure of the policy limits to the attorney no later than 30 days from receipt of the request. The disclosure shall indicate the limits of all applicable insurance policies and any applicable umbrella or excess liability insurance policies issued by the insurer to the insured.
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# ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4293

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JUNE 23, 2022** 

The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4293.

This bill provides that an insurer who receives certain requests, from attorneys admitted to the practice of law in this State, for disclosure of the policy limits under an insurance policy issued by the insurer to an insured, shall provide written disclosure of the policy limits to the attorney within 30 days from receipt of the request. The disclosure shall indicate the limits of all applicable insurance policies and any applicable umbrella or excess liability insurance policies issued by the insurer to the insured.

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/5/2022

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-481/A-4291 (Scutari, Bramnick/Greenwald, Conaway, Stanley) - Requires automobile insurance policies to provide certain minimum amounts of liability, uninsured motorist, and underinsured motorist coverage

**S-521/A-3661 (Cruz-Perez, Pou/Spearman)** - Expressly authorizes medical cannabis patients under 18 years of age to have up to four designated caregivers

S-525/A-280 (Ruiz, Singleton/Umba, Sawyer, Wirths) - Enhances, and allocates funds for, pre-apprenticeship programs

**S-1368/A-2687 (Scutari/Mukherji)** - Requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies

S-1535/A-2-861 (Greenstein, Turner/Benson, Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Thomson) - Permits counties to operate airports as county utilities; provides that bonds for county and municipal airport purposes be issued in accordance with provisions of "Local Bond Law."

S-1603/A-3771 (Smith/Mukherji) - Removes restriction on receipt of retirement annuities by certain members of JRS who file for deferred retirement

**S-2843/A-4293 (Scutari, Bramnick/Mukherji, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Requires certain insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

A-4239/S-2424 (Lopez, Atkins, Moen/Gopal) - Concerns imposition and collection of sales and use tax for fabrication and installation of signs