



Client Update - The Responsible Ohio Protection Act

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The Responsible Ohio Protection Act Gummed Down

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On May 25, 2016, with a vote of 62-35, the Ohio House of Representatives officially passed H.B. 279, the Responsible Driver Protection Act. This legislation is purportedly intended to combat the problem of the approximately 15% of Ohio drivers that operate vehicles without the required insurance coverage. However, does this bill really have the teeth necessary to take a bite out of that number?

The Responsible Driver Protection Act, if made law, would bar uninsured drivers from recovering non-economic damages for harm sustained in an auto accident. This would mean that the damages of an uninsured driver in an automobile accident negligence case would be limited to economic damages such as medical costs, property damage and lost wages. But, there are several limitations to this bar to non-economic recovery.

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