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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, PEOPLES-STOKES, MORELLE -- read once  
and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to entitlement to first  
party benefits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of section 5103 of the insur-  
2 ance law, as amended by chapter 303 of the laws of 2010, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (2) (I) Is injured as a result of operating a motor vehicle while in  
5 an intoxicated condition or while his ability to operate such vehicle is  
6 impaired by the use of a drug within the meaning of section eleven  
7 hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law; provided, however,  
8 that an insurer shall not exclude:

9 (A) such person from coverage with respect to necessary emergency  
10 health services rendered in a general hospital, as defined in subdivi-  
11 sion ten of section two thousand eight hundred one of the public health  
12 law, including ambulance services attendant thereto and related medical  
13 screening; OR

14 (B) FROM THE COVERAGE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BASIC  
15 ECONOMIC LOSS AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION  
16 FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (II) Notwithstanding any other law, where the covered person is found  
18 to have violated section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and  
19 traffic law, the insurer has a cause of action for the amount of first  
20 party benefits paid or payable on behalf of such covered person against  
21 such covered person.

22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
23 it shall have become a law, and shall apply to all policies issued,  
24 renewed, modified or altered on or after such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.