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### Mandatory Auto Insurance Begins Today “Don’t Leave Home Without it”

Madison - State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) reminded Wisconsin drivers that as of today, it is now mandatory to carry automobile insurance in Wisconsin. Senator Carpenter successfully fought to include mandatory auto insurance in a bill that was passed into law in 2009 (AB 75).

“As of today, if you are not covered by auto insurance, you should not be driving in Wisconsin,” said Carpenter.

“Be sure to remember to carry proof of your auto insurance; don’t leave home without it” advised Carpenter. Under the new law, if a driver is stopped for a traffic violation, the police officer can ask for proof of insurance along with driver’s license and registration. If a driver can’t provide proof of insurance, they will be issued a citation, similar to a “fix-it” ticket.

Additionally, Senator Carpenter noted that the City of Milwaukee has announced that it will also require proof of insurance in order to drive a car away from its impound lot if a car has been towed.

Wisconsin’s Office of Insurance Commissioner’s “Consumer’s Guide to Auto Insurance” provides information on auto insurance, including how to research and find the best deal for auto insurance in Wisconsin. The information can be found online at:  
[http://oci.wi.gov/pub\\_list/pi-057.pdf](http://oci.wi.gov/pub_list/pi-057.pdf).

“Mandatory auto insurance reduces the risk for responsible drivers with insurance. Responsible drivers will no longer have the limited recourse of making a claim against their own insurance policy for damages that are caused by others,” said Carpenter.

Senator Carpenter represents the south side of Milwaukee and part of Greenfield.

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