

drive in this state. My amendment today says the price for enjoying that privilege should not, I underline, should not differ based on where you live. What I have found is that, all factors being equal, people who live in certain areas of the state pay as much as double and maybe even more compared to other areas of the state for automobile insurance. Note that I said people who live in certain parts of the state, not people who drive in certain parts of the state. The state allows insurance companies to use territories to set premiums for a variety of insurance products. My amendment would allow them to continue to do that except for the minimum automobile liability coverage which we've been talking about which is required by state law. Geography is actually only one of many factors that are used to set premiums. Others are driving record, type of car, safety equipment, driver's training and many other factors. The intent of this amendment is to shift the risk toward those other factors. And I'll say that again, the intent of my amendment is to shift the risk toward those other factors. The insurance lobby may tell you that they will just have to raise rates everywhere else to make up the difference if this passes. I believe that the real result of this legislation in the insurance market should be that bad drivers, those who have the accidents, will pay more and good drivers will pay less regardless of where they happen to live. Liability insurance is different than most other automobile coverages, such as comprehensive. And I think we'll hear some confusing of comprehensive and liability insurance, as the dialogue goes on. Aside from the fact that the state requires it, liability insurance covers a risk that you incur as you drive. Liability rates should be, and mostly are, based on your risk of causing an accident. When territories are used for setting liability rates, we're telling drivers that their likeliness of causing as opposed to getting in an accident is related to how poorly their neighbors drive. Automobile liability insurance is also different from other liability coverage in that the policy covers a risk that only exists when it is moving, usually while it is moving somewhere other than where the risk was calculated. People don't just drive within their territory. In fact, the smaller the territory the more likely they will be driving outside of it at any given time. You may ask if an area has more accidents, shouldn't the people who drive in that area pay more. Probably, but it is not that the insurance companies or the Department of...that is not what the insurance companies or the Department of Insurance actually measure. Here's an example. You may want to refer to the maps that I've asked the