

SENATE NO. 579

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TERMS OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY BONDS AND POLICIES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 34A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting, in line 173, at the end of the definition of “motor vehicle
3 liability bond,” the following sentence:— In any claim for damages against the obligor or against any
4 person responsible for the operation of the obligor’s motor vehicle, the obligee under said bond shall
5 provide a defense., and such duty to defend may not be terminated without a release by the claimant.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 34A of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
7 inserting, in line 220, at the end of the definition of “motor vehicle liability policy,” the following
8 sentence:— In any claim for damages against the insured or against any person responsible for the
9 operation of the insured’s motor vehicle, the insurer under said policy shall provide a defense, and
10 such duty to defend may not be terminated without a release by the claimant.