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23 24 An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.727, F.S.; revising and limiting the damages that are recoverable from an uninsured motorist carrier in a civil action; providing an effective

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 627.727, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.727 Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection.—

(10) The damages recoverable from an uninsured motorist carrier in an action brought under s. 624.155 shall include the total amount of the claimant's damages, including the amount in excess of the policy limits, any unpaid benefits up to the policy limits, interest on unpaid benefits, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and any economic compensatory damages directly caused by a delay in paying benefits violation of a law of this state. The total amount of the claimant's damages is recoverable whether caused by an insurer or by a third-party tortfeasor.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.