

(1%) of its net direct written automobile liability premiums for the previous calendar year as shown on its annual statement filed with the Commissioner of Insurance. At any time during the year, the executive director may calculate the probable amount which, in his estimation, will be needed to carry out the functions of the Fund and to meet its obligations for the balance of the registration year. If, in his judgment, the estimated balance of the Fund will be insufficient to meet the needs of the Fund, he shall assess against the said insurers an amount which shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the estimated deficiency or (ii) an additional one percent (1%) of the aggregate net automobile liability premiums of all such insurers (other than the Fund) during the preceding year, as shown by the records of the Commissioner of Insurance; provided, however, that if the assessment is less than 1% of the said aggregate net automobile liability premiums, it shall be apportioned among the insurers in the proportion that the net direct written automobile liability premiums of each bears to the aggregate net direct written automobile liability premiums of all such insurers during the preceding year. Neither payment by the insurers provided for herein shall be deducted from any other assessments or tax required by law, except a retaliatory tax. IF IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE ESTIMATED BALANCE OF THE FUND WILL EXCEED THE NEEDS OF THE FUND, HE SHALL ACCORDINGLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE INSURERS.

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(e) "Qualified person" means a resident of this State or the owner of a motor vehicle registered in this State or a resident of another state, territory, or federal district of the United States or province of the Dominion of Canada, or foreign country, in which recourse is afforded to residents of this State, of substantially similar character to that provided for by this subtitle, but it shall not include: (1) any automobile collision insurance carrier or other insurer seeking by way of subrogation any recovery for amounts paid for damages to motor vehicles, other real or personal property or injuries to persons under any insurance coverages that may be valid, including but not limited to collision, fire, theft, medical payments, or uninsured motorist coverages; or (2) any holder of a certificate of self-insurance under this article[.]; OR (3) AN INSURED UNDER A POLICY PROVISION PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THE INSURED AS A RESULT OF THE OPERATION OF AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE IN A FORM AUTHORIZED TO BE INCLUDED IN AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY POLICIES OF INSURANCE DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE. A vehicle bearing temporary registration plates issued pursuant to §3-602 of Article 66 1/2 shall not be deemed to be, for