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TO: All Departments, Faculty and Staff

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SUBJECT: **Privacy Notice - Bill C18 Changes Automobile Liability Insurance Responsibility for Short Term Vehicle Rentals**

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Further to our memorandum below regarding Bill C18 Changes Automobile Liability Insurance Responsibility for Short Term Vehicle Rentals, in order for Laurentian University to be the “PRIMARY” or “first in line” when the driver is on University business (ie. Acting on behalf of the University), Laurentian must submit the names and drivers license numbers to its insurer. This information is received from the Leasing or Rental Company to comply with the underwriting conditions imposed by the insurer in order to provide vicarious liability insurance coverage for our drivers on University business (ie: Acting on behalf of the University). This information is related directly to and needed by the University to properly administer its lawfully authorized programs and activities. The information will be used and disclosed to Laurentian’s insurer and will not be used for any other purpose.

If you have any questions or queries related to this collection, use and disclosure, please contact David Canniff, Assistant Manager of Risk Management, extension 1534, [dcanniff@laurentian.ca](mailto:dcanniff@laurentian.ca) or myself.

## ***IMPORTANT NOTICE***

Bill C18 makes the person renting vehicles in Ontario, “**first in line**” to pay in the event of an accident resulting from the negligent use or operation of the rented/leased vehicle. Prior to Bill C18, the Leasing or Rental Company (the owner of the vehicle) was the first to respond to a similar incident.

The new responding order to accidents with rental vehicles is:

- The insurer of the lessee or renter under a contract of Automobile Insurance, where the renter is a Named Insured under the contract
- A driver’s policy or “drive” other automobile coverage
- The insurance of the owner of the vehicle (the rental company), which would pay only in excess to the above mentioned policies. The Act caps the amount that the Rental Agencies are responsible for to \$1,000,000 subject to conditions.

When renting a vehicle in Ontario, this legislation puts the primary responsibility for Third Party Liability directly on the Renter of the vehicle – not the Rental Agency. Even though the Renter does not own the vehicle, the law now imposes Vicarious Liability for the negligent operation of the rented vehicle.

***To address the changes Bill C18 has made to Vicarious Liability, the University has made arrangements to be the PRIMARY or “first in line” when the driver is on University business (i.e. acting on behalf of the University). In order for the University to be primary, the driver MUST ensure that “Laurentian University” is included as the name of the “Renter” on the Rental Contract.***

To reiterate, the major ramifications of Bill C18 are with respect to vehicles hired in Ontario. Other jurisdictions (provinces / states) in North America have different legislation with respect to “first in line” for vehicle rental.

Risk Management and Purchasing Services will endeavour to answer your questions about this new legislation that may arise from your use of a vehicle for University business. Please do not hesitate to contact David Canniff, Assistant Manager of Risk Management at extension #1534, [DCanniff@laurentian.ca](mailto:DCanniff@laurentian.ca) or myself.