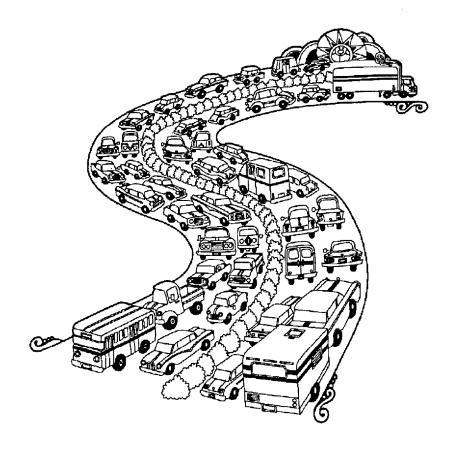


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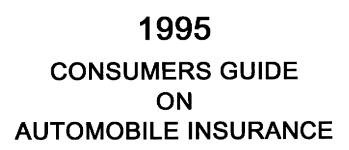
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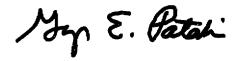
Trying to find the best automobile insurance company for your needs can be a difficult chore. The Insurance Department has prepared this annual <u>Consumers Guide on Automobile Insurance</u> to help you begin your search as an "educated consumer." The guide provides practical cost-saving tips, information about required and optional coverages, and advice about how to file a claim or make a complaint against an insurer.

One of the most important things to remember is to comparison shop. There are over 100 insurers that write auto insurance in New York State. To give you a starting point, this booklet contains prices for 25 New York automobile insurance companies in addition to the Assigned Risk Plan.

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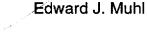
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As you read through this guidebook, keep in mind the most valuable advice is to comparison shop. Be aware of discounts that are available such as those for anti-theft devices. You'll find there have also been some recent changes to the auto insurance market. For example, there is now an optional no-fault managed care system which is explained further in this guide.

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