

of sending such notices and relating to the possible rights of policyholders to obtain other insurance or to be insured with the ~~assigned risk plan~~ MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN in the case of failure to renew insurance or in the event of cancellation of such insurance.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 240A of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Insurance Code", subtitle "15. Unfair Trade Practices", be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 240A be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, and to read as follows:*

240A. (a) Whenever an insurer gives notice of its intention TO CANCEL OR not to renew a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance issued in this State AS HEREINAFTER REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (D) HEREOF, or before it cancels any such policy of insurance for a reason other than for non-payment of premium, the insurer shall notify the insured of his possible right to obtain REPLACE such insurance through the Maryland Automobile Assigned Risk INSURANCE Plan.

(b) The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

"You have been notified that your insurance company does not desire to carry automobile liability insurance for you any longer. You should immediately contact an agent or broker for other insurance or request insurance through the Maryland assigned risk plan. AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN. The assigned risk plan PLAN affords eligible persons the right to obtain liability insurance, at a somewhat increased premium. In addition to contacting an insurance broker or agent you may directly contact the office of the assigned risk Plan for an explanation.

(c) The notice shall contain the current address and telephone number of the offices of the assigned risk plan. PLAN. In the case of intention not to renew, it shall be sent to the insured not later than ten days prior to the date of expiration of the policy, and in the case of cancellation of policy, it shall be sent IT SHALL BE SENT TO THE INSURED in the same manner and at the same time as the first written notice of cancellation OR OF INTENTION NOT TO RENEW given or required by law, regulation or contract.

(D) THE INSURER SHALL SEE THAT WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CANCEL FOR A REASON OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM OR NOTICE OF INTENTION NOT TO RENEW A POLICY OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE ISSUED IN THIS STATE IS SENT TO THE INSURED NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PROPOSED CANCELLATION OR EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY, AS THE CASE MAY BE. NOTICE GIVEN THE INSURED BY AN INSURANCE BROKER OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE INSURER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE INSURER FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION. ; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH NOTICES SHALL BE REQUIRED WHERE THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS REPLACED THE INSURANCE.