

prohibitions against cancellation or refusal to underwrite or renew risks., AND MATTERS GENERALLY RELATING THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsection (a) of Section 234A of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Unfair Trade Practices," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

234A.

(a) No insurer, *agent or broker* shall cancel or refuse to underwrite or renew a particular insurance risk or class of risk for any ~~inadequate or unreasonable or any arbitrary, capricious, unfair or discriminatory reason, or based in whole or in part upon the race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, or place of residency of an applicant or policyholder.~~ REASON BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON RACE, COLOR, CREED OR SEX OF AN APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER OR FOR ANY ARBITRARY, CAPRICIOUS, OR UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY REASON. *In the case of a cancellation of or refusal to renew a policy, provided the insured requests of the Commissioner that a review be undertaken of the insurer's action prior to the effective date of termination of the policy, and provided the Commissioner initiates action toward issuance of a finding in accord with Section 234C, such policy shall remain in effect until such finding is issued.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 28, 1971.

CHAPTER 790

(House Bill 1156)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 4(a) and 4(c) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits"; to repeal Section 4(d) of the same article, title and subtitle; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4(e) of the same article, title and subtitle; to reletter Sections 4(e) and 4(f) thereof as 4(d) and 4(e), respectively; to add a new Section 4(f) to the same article, title and subtitle to follow immediately after relettered Section 4(e) thereof; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 8(a), 8(b) and 8(c) of the same article and title, subtitle "Contributions"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8(d) of the same article, title and subtitle, that section to be relettered Section 8(g) to follow immediately after new Section 8(f); to add new Sections 8(d), 8(e) and 8(f), to the same article, title and subtitle to follow immediately after Section 8(c) thereof; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9, of the same article and title, subtitle "Employer's Coverage"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments,