

to follow immediately after Section 240 thereof, and requiring certain actions of motor vehicle liability insurers before cancelling policies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 240A be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1964 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Unfair Trade Practices," to follow immediately after Section 240 thereof, and to read as follows:

240A.

*Before any policy of motor vehicle liability insurance issued in this State is cancelled, OTHER THAN FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, the insurer shall notify the insured of his possible right to obtain insurance through the Maryland Automobile Assigned Risk Plan. Such notice shall clearly explain the pertinent provisions of said plan, and the prerequisites, procedure, and time limits for application thereunder, and shall include duplicate application blanks in the prescribed form. SHALL BE IN THE FORM SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR WORDING. Such notice shall be sent in the same manner and at the same time as the first written notice of cancellation given or required by law, regulation or contract.*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE FORM OF NOTICE SHALL BE IN WORDING SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: "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. THE ASSIGNED RISK 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." THE NOTICE SHALL CONTAIN THE CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICES OF THE ASSIGNED RISK PLAN.

SEC. 2 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 779

(House Bill 176)

AN ACT to add a new Section 43 to Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," to follow immediately after Section 42 thereof,