

Section--241A  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
{1986-Replacement-Volume}

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

240A.

(a) Whenever an insurer gives notice of its intention to cancel or not to renew a policy of insurance other than life, health, motor vehicle liability insurance issued to any resident of a household in Maryland as set forth in § 240AA, or surety insurance as defined in § 69 of this article issued in this State as hereinafter required in subsection (c) hereof, or before it cancels any such policy of insurance for a reason other than for nonpayment of premium, the insurer shall notify the insured of his possible right to replace such insurance through the Maryland property insurance availability plan, or any other plan, if there be such, and he may be eligible therefor.

(b) The notice shall contain the current address and telephone number of the offices of such plan. 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.

(c) The insurer shall see that written notice of intention to cancel for a reason other than nonpayment of premium or notice of intention not to renew a policy issued in this State is sent to the insured not less than ~~45~~ 60 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.

(D) (1) WHENEVER AN INSURER INTENDS TO INCREASE A PREMIUM FOR A PARTICULAR POLICY WRITTEN IN THIS STATE BY 20 PERCENT OR MORE, THE INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE INSURED AND AGENT OF THE INCREASE.

(2) (I) THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT TO THE INSURED AND AGENT NOT LESS THAN 60 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN PREMIUM.

(II) THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT BY CERTIFICATE-OF MAILING FIRST CLASS MAIL.