

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 147

(Senate Bill 107)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Motor Vehicles - Reimbursement for the Rental of Specially Equipped Motor Vehicles

FOR the purpose of requiring an insurer that issues, sells, or delivers a motor vehicle insurance policy in this State that covers a motor vehicle that is specially equipped for the transportation of or operation by an individual with a disability, upon a certain request, to make available at a certain time a certain reimbursement rate that allows an insured to rent a similarly equipped motor vehicle under certain circumstances; and generally relating to motor vehicle insurance.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 19-516

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

19-516.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED, SOLD, OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE THAT COVERS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF OR OPERATION BY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

(B) IF A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF A RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE, THE INSURER SHALL, UPON REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT OR INSURED, MAKE AVAILABLE FOR THE APPROPRIATE PREMIUM AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF THE POLICY A DAILY REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF UP TO \$100, FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$1,500 PER POLICY PERIOD, TO ALLOW THE INSURED TO RENT A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS EQUIPPED SIMILARLY TO THE COVERED MOTOR VEHICLE.