

with the provisions of Section 486-1 of this subtitle, the said company and or title attorney shall forfeit to the State the sum of \$100.00, to be recovered with costs in a civil action to be prosecuted by the Attorney General who shall prosecute such actions whenever it shall appear that Section 486-1 has been violated.

(C) THE ORIGINAL SIGNED STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TITLE INSURANCE POLICY. SUCH STATEMENT AND NOTICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSIONER UPON REQUEST.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

CHAPTER 715

(House Bill 52)

AN ACT to add new Section 482B to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "28. Casualty Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 482A thereof, to specify the conditions and the grounds under which insurance companies may cancel or refuse to renew motor vehicle liability insurance policies, to provide for the manner of cancellation or refusal to renew, to limit liability under such policies for cancellation or refusal to renew, and to make communications regarding cancellations or refusal to renew under this Act privileged.

AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTION 240B TO ARTICLE 48A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1966 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "INSURANCE," SUBTITLE "15. UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES," AND TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 240A THEREOF REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES UPON CANCELLATION OF NON-RENEWAL OF A POLICY OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO GIVE THE INSURED, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, THE ACTUAL REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION OR NON-RENEWAL OF THE POLICY AND PROVIDING ALSO THAT THE EXPLANATION GIVEN SHALL BE A PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 482B be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "28. Casualty Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 482A thereof, and to read as follows: