

celled or nonrenewed, for a reason other than nonpayment of premium, the insurance company or its duly authorized agent shall notify the insured in the cancellation notice that he has a right to request the reason for cancellation. If the request for a reason is made within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the proposed cancellation or expiration of the policy, as the case may be, the company shall give the actual reason or reasons relied upon by it for the cancellation or nonrenewal and shall file a copy of this statement of the reason or reasons with the Insurance Commissioner. The explanation shall be privileged and shall not constitute grounds for any action against the insurer or representatives or any firm, person, or corporation who or which in good faith furnishes to the insurer the information upon which the reasons are based. The provisions of this section do not apply to policies of liability insurance issued under the Maryland automobile insurance plan.

240C.

If an applicant for a policy of ordinary motor vehicle liability insurance is refused such a policy, by an authorized insurer or its agent, and such insurer or agent offers or seeks to insure such applicant under the Maryland automobile insurance plan for assigned risks or if such applicant eventually does become insured under such assigned risk plan, and the applicant, within thirty (30) days of the date on which the refusal is given, makes a request to the insurer or its agent in writing for a statement of the reason or reasons why the ordinary policy was not issued, the insurer shall give the actual reason or reasons relied upon by it for refusing to issue said policy and shall file a copy of the statement of the reason or reasons with the Insurance Commissioner. The explanation shall be privileged and shall not constitute grounds for any action against the insurer or representatives or any firm, person, or corporation who or which in good faith furnishes to the insurer the information upon which the reasons are based. ]

*(a) Insurers have a duty to provide each policyholder with a notice of renewal premium due at least ~~20~~ 17 days in advance of the due date, unless a notice of intention not to renew has been furnished in compliance with Section 240A. This duty may be discharged by any duly licensed agent or broker.*

*(b) If there is a failure to discharge the duty set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection, and thereafter the policyholder fails to make timely payment of the renewal premium the insurer must:*

*(1) provide coverage for any claim which would have been covered under the policy, if it arises within ~~20~~ 45 days after the date the insured discovers or should have discovered that his policy has not been renewed and,*

*(2) renew the policy upon tender of payment, or comply with Section 240C, provided the tender is made within 30 days after the policyholder discovers or should have discovered that his policy has not been renewed.*

*(c) The duty imposed by paragraph (a) of this subsection will be deemed discharged if the insurer shows that its established procedures would have resulted in the placing in the United States mail of the notice of renewal premium due, provided there is no showing that in fact the notice was not placed in the mail.*