

and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 240AA be and it is hereby added to said article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 240A thereof; that Section 240B of said article, title and subtitle be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Section 240C of said article, title and subtitle be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 240C-1 be and it is hereby added to said article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 240C thereof; that Section 240D of said article, title and subtitle be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Section 242(c) of said article and title, subtitle "16. Rates and Rating Organizations," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 242(c-1) be and it is hereby added to said article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 242(c) thereof; that Section 243 of said article, title and subtitle is hereby repealed and that new Sections 243 to 243L, inclusive, be and they are hereby added in lieu thereof under new subtitle "16A. Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund," to follow immediately after Section 242 of said article and title; and that new Sections 538 to 547 546, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to said article and title under new subtitle "Motor Vehicle Casualty Insurance—Required Primary Coverage," to follow immediately after Section 537 of said article and title, and all to read as follows:

234B. Unfair or discriminatory treatment of agent or broker.

(a) No insurer may cancel a written agreement with a broker or agent with respect to motor vehicle liability insurance or refuse to accept motor vehicle liability insurance business from such broker or agent unless it complies with the provisions of this section.

(b) If an insurer intends to cancel such a written agreement with a broker or agent or to refuse to accept such further business from such broker or agent, it shall give at least sixty days written notice of its intention to the broker or agent and to each person insured by the insurer through the broker or agent. The notice to the insured shall state (i) the intention of the insurer to cancel its agreement with the broker or agent, or not to accept further business from such broker or agent, (ii) the right of the insured to replace his insurance, upon its expiration, through the broker or agent with another company, and (iii) the right to have the insurance renewed directly by the insurer or by the insurer through another broker or agent.

(c) If an insurer who cancels such a written agreement with a broker or agent or refuses to accept such further business from a broker or agent is not advised in writing that policies it has written through such agent or broker have been replaced by other insurance, the insurer shall, at least forty-five days prior to the expiration of each such policy, offer to renew the same directly or through another broker or agent; and unless the insurer is thereafter advised by the insured that he does not wish the policy to be renewed, the insurer shall, upon tender of the appropriate premium, renew the policy for at least one year; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the insurer from allowing the insured to pay the premiums on a periodic basis or from cancelling the policy for nonpayment of premiums. IF AN INSURER INTENDS TO CANCEL A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENT OR BROKER, OR