(House Bill 186)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance - Group Plans

FOR the purpose of [[exempting motor vehicle insurance from certain restrictions on group insurance plans]] empowering the Commissioner to promulgate regulations relating to group property or casualty insurance on motor vehicles and correcting language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 231
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has legislated and reformed motor vehicle insurance and recognizes that much more work must be done in the area of motor vehicle insurance premium costs; and

WHEREAS, One method of reducing premium costs is by lowering administrative costs and commissions through group insurance; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Insurance Commissioner to ascertain that group insurance cannot be cancelled without just cause and his statutory authority is not restricted by passage of group motor vehicle insurance legislation; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 231 of Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

231.

(a) No insurer, whether an authorized insurer or an unauthorized insurer, shall make available through any rating plan or form, property, casualty or surety insurance, [[EXCEPT PROPERTY OR CASUALTY INSURANCE ON MOTOR VEHICLES,]] to any firm, corporation, or association of individuals, any preferred rate or premium