

(viii) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (O)(1) OF THIS SECTION, any other standard set forth in regulations adopted by the Commissioner that is found to be reasonably related to the insurer's economic and business purposes.

(O) (1) WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR CANCEL COVERAGE OR INCREASE RATES FOR APPLICANTS OR POLICYHOLDERS WHO ARE MILITARY PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS SOLELY BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO MEET UNDERWRITING STANDARDS THAT REQUIRE CONTINUOUS COVERAGE UNLESS THE FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS COVERAGE EXISTED PRIOR TO THE APPLICANT'S OR POLICYHOLDER'S ASSIGNMENT TO ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS.

(2) WITH RESPECT TO HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR CANCEL COVERAGE OR INCREASE RATES FOR APPLICANTS OR POLICYHOLDERS WHO ARE MILITARY PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS SOLELY BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO MEET:

(I) UNDERWRITING STANDARDS THAT REQUIRE CONTINUOUS COVERAGE UNLESS THE FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS COVERAGE EXISTED PRIOR TO THE APPLICANT'S OR POLICYHOLDER'S ASSIGNMENT TO ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS; OR

(II) OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS IF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT REASONABLE STEPS WERE TAKEN TO MAINTAIN AND PROTECT THE PROPERTY DURING THE APPLICANT'S OR POLICYHOLDER'S ASSIGNMENT TO ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 425

(House Bill 1263)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medbank Program - ~~Grants from Nonprofit Health Service Plans~~ Special Fund Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Medbank Program to report on or before a certain date to the Governor and General Assembly on the effect on participation in the Maryland Medbank Program of the implementation and availability of certain prescription drug programs, the effect that participation in these programs will have on certain Medbank costs, and the efforts by Medbank to minimize administrative expenses and reduce reliance on public funds; and generally relating to a study of the Maryland Medbank Program.* ~~Maryland Medbank Program to be funded~~