

insurer under a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance to pay reasonable attorney fees to the insured after a specified hearing.

Senate Bill 97, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 265.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 265

AN ACT concerning

#### **Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance – Hearings on Proposed Actions by Insurers – Attorney Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering certain information an insurer under a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance must include in a certain notice to the insured; clarifying the circumstances under which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, after a certain hearing, ~~may~~ shall order an insurer under a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance to pay reasonable attorney fees incurred by the insured for representation at the hearing; and generally relating to the awarding of attorney fees after hearings on proposed actions of insurers with respect to motor vehicle liability insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 27–605(c)(3) and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Insurance**

27–605.

(c) (3) The notice must state in clear and specific terms:

(i) the proposed action to be taken, including:

1. for a premium increase, the amount of the increase and the type of coverage to which it is applicable; and

2. for a reduction in coverage, the type of coverage reduced and the extent of the reduction;

(ii) the proposed effective date of the action;