CHAPTER 701

(Senate Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance - Cancellation

FOR the purpose of repealing-a-certain-applicability-restriction in-the-procedure-for-the-cancellation-of-a-motor-vehicle liability-insurance-policy;-and-generally-relating-to-the cancellation--procedure--for-a-motor-vehicle-liability insurance-policy providing that certain motor vehicle liability insurance issued to commercial entities is subject to certain procedural notice and requirements; and generally relating to the cancellation and nonrenewal procedure for a commercial motor vehicle liability insurance policy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 240AA(a) 240A(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

240AA-

(a)--Except--in--accordance--with--the--provisions--of--this article;--no-insurer-other-than-the-Maryland-Automobile-Insurance Fund-shall-(i)-cancel-or-fail-to-renew-a-policy-of-motor--vehicle liability--insurance-issued-in-this-State[;-as-to-any-resident-of the-household-of-the-named-insured;]-for-any--reason--other--than nonpayment--of--premium;--or--(ii)--increase--a--premium--for-any coverage-on-any-such-policy-unless-the--increase--is--part--of--a general--increase--in--premiums--approved-by-the-Commissioner-and does-not-result-from-a-reclassification-of-the-insured;-or--(iii) reduce-the-coverage-under-any-such-policy-unless-the-reduction-is part---of--a--general--reduction--in--coverage--approved--by--the Commissioner-or-to-satisfy-the-requirements-of-§§-539-through-541 of-this-article;-inclusive:

240A.

(a) Whenever an insurer gives notice of its intention to cancel or not to renew a policy of insurance other than life, health, motor vehicle liability insurance ISSUED TO ANY RESIDENT OF A HOUSEHOLD IN MARYLAND AS SET FORTH IN § 240AA, or surety insurance as defined in § 69 of this article issued in this State as hereinafter required in subsection (c) hereof, or before it