

and shall state in clear and specific terms, on a form approved by the Commissioner:

(1) The proposed action to be taken, including, if the action is an increase in premium or reduction in coverage, the amount of increase and the type of coverage to which it is applicable, or the type of coverage reduced and the extent of the reduction;

(2) The proposed effective date of the action;

(3) The insurer's actual reason or reasons for proposing to take such action. The statement of reasons shall be sufficiently clear and specific so that a person of average intelligence can identify the basis for the insurer's decision, without making further inquiry. Generalized terms such as "personal habits", "living conditions", "poor morals", or "violation or accident record" shall not suffice to meet the requirements of this section;

(4) If there is coupled with the notice an offer to continue or renew the policy in accordance with § 240C-1 of this subtitle, the name of the person or persons to be excluded from coverage, and [what] the premium [would be] AMOUNT if the policy is continued or renewed with such person or persons excluded from coverage;

(5) The right of the insured to replace the insurance through the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund[;], and the current address and telephone number of the Fund;

(6) The right of the insured to protest the proposed action and request a hearing thereon before the Commissioner by signing 2 copies of the notice and sending them to the Commissioner within [10] 30 days after [receipt] THE DATE OF MAILING of the notice;

(7) That if a protest is filed by the insured, the current insurance will remain in effect until a determination is made by the Commissioner upon payment of any lawful premium due or becoming due prior to the determination; and

(8) The authority of the Commissioner to award reasonable counsel fees to the insured for services rendered to the insured in connection with any such hearing if he finds the proposed action of the insurer to be unjustified.

(c) Any statement of reasons contained in the notice given pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of this section shall be privileged and [shall] MAY not constitute grounds for any action against the insurer or its representatives or any person who in good faith furnishes to the insurer the information upon which the statement is based.