A PARTY TO A HEARING OR PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY APPEAL FROM THE HEARING, PROCEEDING, OR A DECISION OF THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-215 OF THIS ARTICLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, §§ 234C and 234AA(e)(2).

Defined terms: "Commissioner" § 1-101
"Insurer" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 6. CANCELLATIONS, NONRENEWALS, PREMIUM INCREASES, AND REDUCTIONS IN COVERAGE.

27-601. CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF POLICIES — REQUIRED NOTICES.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO POLICIES OF:

(1) LIFE INSURANCE;

(2) HEALTH INSURANCE;

(3) MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE ISSUED TO A RESIDENT OF A HOUSEHOLD IN THE STATE AS SET FORTH IN § 27-605 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(4) SURETY INSURANCE.

(B) NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RIGHT TO REPLACE INSURANCE.

(1) WHENEVER AN INSURER, AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, GIVES NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO CANCEL OR NOT TO RENEW A POLICY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION ISSUED IN THE STATE OR BEFORE AN INSURER CANCELS A POLICY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION ISSUED IN THE STATE FOR A REASON OTHER THAN NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE INSURED OF THE POSSIBLE RIGHT OF THE INSURED TO REPLACE THE INSURANCE UNDER THE MARYLAND PROPERTY INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT OR THROUGH ANOTHER PLAN FOR WHICH THE INSURED MAY BE ELIGIBLE.

(2) THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MUST:

(I) BE IN WRITING;

(II) CONTAIN THE CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICES OF THE APPROPRIATE PLAN; AND

(III) BE SENT TO THE INSURED IN THE SAME MANNER AND AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FIRST WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR OF INTENTION NOT TO RENEW GIVEN OR REQUIRED BY LAW, REGULATION, OR CONTRACT.

(C) NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CANCEL OR NOT TO RENEW.