premium finance companies and premium finance agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 23–101,  $\frac{23-201}{23-202}$  through  $\frac{23-205}{23-207}$ , 23–208, 23–301,  $\frac{23-302}{23-306}$ ,  $\frac{23-306}{23-501}$  through 23–308,  $\frac{23-402}{23-403}$ ,  $\frac{23-403}{23-405}$ , and 23–405, and

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 23–102, 23–103,  $\frac{23-206}{23-201}$ , 23–209, 23–210,  $\frac{23-302}{23-305}$ , 23–309, 23–401,  $\frac{23-305}{23-402}$ , 23–404, 23–406, and  $\frac{23-501}{23-506}$  through 23–506

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BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 23-310 and 23-401.1

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

## Article – Insurance

23-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) (1) "Premium finance agreement" means an agreement:
- (i) by which an insured or prospective insured promises to pay to [or to the order of another an] A PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANY OR ITS ASSIGNEE THE amount advanced or to be advanced under the agreement, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AND A SERVICE FEE, to an insurer, THE INSURER'S agent, or A PRODUCER OR broker in payment of premiums; and
- (ii) that contains an assignment of or is otherwise secured by the unearned premium or refund obtainable from the insurer on cancellation of the insurance contract; TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AND A SERVICE CHARGE.