

~~(C) ANY OUTSTANDING BALANCE REMAINING AFTER A PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT IS CANCELED MAY EARN INTEREST AT THE RATE STATED IN THE PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT UNTIL THE BALANCE IS PAID IN FULL.~~

23-505.1.

~~AN INSURER, ITS AGENT, BROKER, OR PRODUCER MAY NOT. AN INSURER THAT MARKETS THROUGH INDEPENDENT AGENTS AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT, WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE, FIRE, OR LIABILITY INSURANCE:~~

~~(1) REFUSE TO ISSUE OR DENY THE ISSUANCE OF A POLICY FOR COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE, FIRE, OR LIABILITY INSURANCE BECAUSE PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN ADVANCED BY A REGISTERED PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANY NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE INSURER; OR~~

~~(2) REQUIRE AN INSURED TO USE A PARTICULAR PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANY OR OTHER INSTALLMENT PLAN.~~

23-505.2.

~~AN INSURER OR ITS AGENT THAT MARKETS THROUGH INDEPENDENT AGENTS AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT, WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE, FIRE, OR LIABILITY INSURANCE, DISCRIMINATE, INTIMIDATE, OR RETALIATE AGAINST A PRODUCER, AN AGENT, BROKER, OR INSURED THAT USES PREMIUM FINANCING BY DENYING THE PRODUCER, AGENT, BROKER, OR INSURED THE SAME RIGHTS ACCORDED TO PRODUCERS, AGENTS, BROKERS, OR INSURED WHO PAY PREMIUMS IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 751:

This bill alters several provisions in the Insurance Article concerning premium financing, including provisions regarding registration requirements, fees, opportunity for a hearing, and premium finance agreement requirements.

House Bill 1021, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 751.

Sincerely,