

Section 27-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

~~(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)~~

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

**Article - Insurance**

11-317.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "INCREASE IN A POLICY PREMIUM" INCLUDES AN INCREASE IN PREMIUM DUE TO:

- (1) A SURCHARGE;
- (2) RETIERING OR OTHER RECLASSIFICATION OF AN INSURED; OR
- (3) REMOVAL OR REDUCTION OF A DISCOUNT.

~~(a)~~ (B) Each insurer that provides a private passenger automobile insurance policy shall provide to the policyholder at the time of issuance or renewal of the policy a statement that:

(1) defines the policyholder's rate classifications; [and]

(2) if the insurer is an authorized insurer includes a summary, in a form approved by the Commissioner, of the insurer's approved surcharge plan or driver record point plan for that policy; AND

(3) INCLUDES A SECTION THAT:

~~(H) PROVIDES A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FACTORS, INCLUDING CREDIT INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE, THAT MAY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO AN INCREASE IN A POLICY PREMIUM;~~

~~(I) INFORMS THE INSURED OF THE RIGHT TO AN EXPLANATION OF A PREMIUM INCREASE FROM THE INSURER;~~

~~(II) ADVISES THE INSURED THAT AN INSURER MAY NOT CHARGE A PREMIUM UNLESS IT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE INSURER'S RATING PLAN FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER;~~

~~(IV) INFORMS THE INSURED OF THE RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST OF A PREMIUM THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE INSURER'S RATING PLAN FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER, AND DESCRIBES THE PROCEDURE FOR FILING A PROTEST, AND~~

~~(V) ADVISES THE INSURED OF THE POTENTIAL RIGHT TO EXCLUDE AN OPERATOR FROM COVERAGE UNDER § 27-606 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~