

~~Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article Insurance~~

~~10-208.~~

~~NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN INSURER MAY NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A POLICY OF HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE SOLELY BECAUSE THE SUBJECT OF THE RISK OR THE APPLICANT'S OR INSURED'S ADDRESS IS LOCATED IN A CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN THE STATE.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all applications for homeowner's insurance policies and contracts received and homeowner's insurance policies and contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after the effective date of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.~~

(a) There is a Task Force on the Availability and Affordability of Property Insurance in Coastal Areas.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) ~~three members~~ one member of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the Chair of the Committee;

(2) ~~three members~~ of the House Economic Matters Committee, appointed by the Chair of the Committee;

(3) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee; and