- (5) any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.
- (b) Before renewing a health benefit plan, a carrier shall mail a notice of renewal to the group contract holder at least [30] 60 45 days before the expiration of the health benefit plan.
- (c) The notice of renewal shall include the dates of the renewal period, the health benefit plan rates, and the terms of coverage under the health benefit plan. 15-1212.
- (a) (3) (i) A carrier shall mail a notice of renewal to the small employer at least [30] 60 45 days before the expiration of a health benefit plan.
- (ii) The notice of renewal shall include the dates of the renewal period, the health benefit plan rates, and the terms of coverage under the health benefit plan.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

## **CHAPTER 538**

(House Bill 1067)

AN ACT concerning

## Homicide - Penalties

FOR the purpose of adding principals in the second degree to be explicitly eligible for the death penalty in cases involving a defendant convicted of the first degree murder of a law enforcement officer; adding principals in the second degree to be explicitly eligible for the death penalty in cases involving a defendant convicted of first degree murder involving murder for hire; and generally relating to aggravating circumstances to be considered upon a finding of guilt providing that principals in the second degree with a certain intent and with a certain presence who are major participants in the murder of certain law enforcement officers are eligible for the death penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to persons who are eligible for the death penalty on a finding of guilty of first degree murder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 413

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)