

# HOUSE BILL 342

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(3lr1658)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Economic Matters/Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegates Hucker, Barkley, Love, Olszewski, and Vaughn**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeowner’s or Renter’s Insurance and Private Passenger Motor Vehicle**  
3 **Insurance – Bundling Requirement – Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner’s insurance or  
5 renter’s insurance, from denying, refusing to renew, or canceling coverage solely  
6 because the applicant or policyholder does not carry private passenger motor  
7 vehicle insurance with ~~the insurer~~ certain insurers; prohibiting an insurer, with  
8 respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from denying, refusing to  
9 renew, or canceling coverage solely because the applicant or policyholder does  
10 not carry homeowner’s insurance or renter’s insurance with ~~the insurer~~ certain  
11 insurers; providing that this Act does not prohibit certain actions by an  
12 applicant, a policyholder, or an insurer with respect to certain insurance  
13 policies; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to  
14 bundling policies of homeowner’s insurance or renter’s insurance and private  
15 passenger motor vehicle insurance.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY adding to  
 2 Article – Insurance  
 3 Section 27–501(r)  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Insurance**

9 27–501.

10 (R) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE,  
 11 RENTER’S INSURANCE, AND PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

12 (2) WITH RESPECT TO HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE OR RENTER’S  
 13 INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR CANCEL  
 14 COVERAGE FOR AN APPLICANT OR A POLICYHOLDER SOLELY BECAUSE THE  
 15 APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER DOES NOT CARRY PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR  
 16 VEHICLE INSURANCE WITH THE INSURER OR ANOTHER INSURER IN THE SAME  
 17 INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN § 7–101 OF THIS  
 18 ARTICLE.

19 ~~(2)~~ (3) WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR  
 20 VEHICLE INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR  
 21 CANCEL COVERAGE FOR AN APPLICANT OR A POLICYHOLDER SOLELY BECAUSE  
 22 THE APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER DOES NOT CARRY HOMEOWNER’S  
 23 INSURANCE OR RENTER’S INSURANCE WITH THE INSURER OR ANOTHER  
 24 INSURER IN THE SAME INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN  
 25 § 7–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

26 ~~(3)~~ (4) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT:

27 (I) AN APPLICANT OR A POLICYHOLDER FROM BUNDLING  
 28 HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE OR RENTER’S INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PASSENGER  
 29 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES IF THE APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER  
 30 CHOOSES TO DO SO; OR

31 (II) AN INSURER FROM OFFERING DISCOUNTS OR OTHER  
 32 INCENTIVES TO APPLICANTS OR POLICYHOLDERS WHO CHOOSE TO BUNDLE  
 33 HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE OR RENTER’S INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PASSENGER  
 34 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
2 policies of homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance, and private passenger motor  
3 vehicle insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,  
4 2013.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.