

# HOUSE BILL 983

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Long-Term Care Insurance – Limitation on Renewal Premium Rate Increases**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in certain years, a carrier from imposing an annual  
4 increase of a renewal premium rate that exceeds a certain percent for certain policies  
5 or contracts of long-term care insurance; and generally relating to long-term care  
6 insurance and premium rates.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 18–116

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 18–116.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a premium increase under  
17 long-term care insurance may not be based on the age of the insured or certificate holder.

18 (b) **[A] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION,** A carrier may impose  
19 an across-the-board premium increase on policies or contracts of long-term care insurance  
20 that the carrier issues or delivers in the State after the carrier:

21 (1) submits to the Commissioner an actuarial memorandum that supports  
22 the proposed premium increase; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) obtains the approval of the Commissioner.

2 (c) This section does not prohibit age-banding.

3 **(D) IN THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2021, A CARRIER MAY NOT IMPOSE AN**  
4 **ANNUAL INCREASE OF A RENEWAL PREMIUM RATE THAT EXCEEDS 5% FOR A POLICY**  
5 **OR CONTRACT OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE ISSUED, DELIVERED, OR RENEWED**  
6 **IN THE STATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2018.