

# SENATE BILL 111

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

Requested: September 16, 2019

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance – Universal and Variable Life Insurance – Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers to send a notice to policyholders of universal  
4 or variable life insurance if the policy contains a provision that allows the  
5 policyholder to reduce the face amount of the policy; requiring that the notice state  
6 certain information; authorizing the insurer to include certain information in a  
7 certain billing statement; requiring that the notice be sent to a certain address at  
8 certain times; and generally relating to policies of universal and variable life  
9 insurance.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Insurance

12 Section 16–219

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Insurance**

18 **16–219.**

19 **(A) (1) IF A POLICY OF UNIVERSAL OR VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE**  
20 **CONTAINS A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A POLICYHOLDER TO REDUCE THE FACE**  
21 **AMOUNT OF THE POLICY, THE INSURER SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE**  
22 **POLICYHOLDER.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) THE NOTICE SHALL STATE:**

2                   **(I) THAT THE POLICYHOLDER'S POLICY ALLOWS FOR A**  
3 **REDUCTION OF THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE POLICY THAT MAY REDUCE THE**  
4 **PREMIUM OWED;**

5                   **(II) THE PREMIUM TO BE PAID TO PREVENT THE POLICY FROM**  
6 **LAPSE; AND**

7                   **(III) THE INSURER'S CUSTOMER SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

8           **(B) THE INSURER MAY INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER**  
9 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN THE BILLING STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE**  
10 **POLICYHOLDER.**

11           **(C) THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT TO A POLICYHOLDER'S LAST KNOWN**  
12 **ADDRESS:**

13                   **(1) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GRACE PERIOD UNDER § 16-202 OF**  
14 **THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

15                   **(2) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE TERMINATION OF COVERAGE.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2020.