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House Bill 371 (Delegates Barve and Love)

Economic Matters

Insurance - Premium Financing - Discrimination

This bill prohibits discrimination by insurers that market through independent agents against independent agents, brokers, and insureds who use premium financing for all types of insurance. Under current law, this discrimination is only prohibited for commercial automobile, fire, and liability insurance. The bill also provides that for personal lines automobile insurance, an independent agent who directly or indirectly has an ownership interest in a premium finance company, must provide a disclosure to be signed by the insured comparing the costs and terms of premium financing with the insurer's alternative payment plan.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Information Source(s): Maryland Insurance Administration, Department of Legislative Services

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