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House Bill 1184 (Delegate Donoghue)

Economic Matters

**Property and Casualty Insurers - Geographic Distribution of Private Passenger
and Residential Property Premium - Filing Data by Bulletin**

The bill repeals provisions of law that require: (1) insurers and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (MAIF) to file information about the geographic distribution of private passenger motor vehicle insurance premiums and residential property premiums with the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA); and (2) major insurers to file, with MIA, a marketing plan to ensure that insurers make insurance available to Baltimore City residents in the same manner that they do to residents of other parts of the State.

If the Insurance Commissioner requests the information by bulletin, the bill requires insurers and MAIF to file information about the geographic distribution of motor vehicle insurance premiums and residential property premiums with MIA.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's changes could be handled with MIA's existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Insurers and MAIF must file, on or before July 1 of each year, information about the geographic distribution of private passenger motor vehicle insurance premiums and residential property premiums with MIA, including the number of policies written by those premiums in the State as a whole and in Baltimore City.

On or before October 1 of each year, insurers that have been designated by MIA as major insurers must file a marketing plan with MIA to ensure that insurers make insurance available to Baltimore City residents in the same manner that they do to residents of other parts of the State.

The Insurance Commissioner may request by bulletin information relating to policies written by a property and casualty insurer, including insurers that write motor vehicle insurance. A bulletin must specify the line of insurance and the period of time for which the information is requested. A request by bulletin expires two years after the date of the request.

Background: MAIF advises that its costs to collect the geographic information about motor vehicle insurance premiums are approximately \$400 annually and that its per year costs would be approximately the same if the Insurance Commissioner requested the information by bulletin.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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