

HOUSE BILL 521

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By: **Delegates Krysiak and Kirk**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property and Casualty Insurance - Discrimination in Underwriting or**
3 **Premium Increase - Credit History**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer from refusing to underwrite a property and
5 casualty insurance risk or increasing the premium because of the credit history
6 of the applicant or named insured; and generally relating to discrimination in
7 underwriting and increasing premiums for property and casualty insurance.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Insurance
10 Section 27-501(e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

16 **Article - Insurance**

17 27-501.

18 (e) (1) An insurer may not refuse to underwrite a private passenger motor
19 vehicle insurance risk solely because the applicant or named insured previously
20 obtained insurance coverage from any authorized insurer or the Maryland
21 Automobile Insurance Fund.

22 (2) AN INSURER MAY NOT REFUSE TO UNDERWRITE A PROPERTY AND
23 CASUALTY INSURANCE RISK OR INCREASE THE PREMIUM BECAUSE OF THE CREDIT
24 HISTORY OF THE APPLICANT OR NAMED INSURED.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2002.