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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 288 (Delegate Kach)

Health and Government Operations

Life Insurance - Term Life - Notice to Insureds

This bill requires a life insurer, within 30 days after each anniversary of an in-force term life insurance policy, to mail to the policyholder, at the policyholder's last known address, a statement notifying the policyholder that the policy remains in force on a premiums-paid basis.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Enforcement could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Maryland Insurance Administration.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a term life insurance policy remains in force under its contract terms so long as the premiums are paid. However, a life insurer is not required to notify an insured that the policy remains in force upon payment of the premium.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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