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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Surplus Lines Insurance - Compliance with Filing Requirement - Electronic**  
3                           **Transmission**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain documents required to be filed with regard  
5 to surplus lines insurance are in compliance with the filing requirement if they  
6 are transmitted electronically in a certain manner; and generally relating to  
7 surplus lines insurance.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Insurance  
10 Section 3-305  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15                           **Article - Insurance**

16 3-305.

17 A report, affidavit, or return that must be filed under this subtitle complies with  
18 the filing requirement if the report, affidavit, or return is:

19                   (1) mailed and postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or  
20 before the filing date; [or]

21                   (2) delivered on or before the filing date to a private delivery service  
22 recognized by the Commissioner, if the delivery is evidenced by a receipt; OR

23                   (3) TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DATE  
24 IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2006.