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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1383
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Property and Casualty” and substitute “Homeowner’s”; in line 3, strike “altering” and substitute “establishing”; in line 4, strike “certain insurance contracts” and substitute “a policy of homeowner’s insurance”; in line 17, after “hearing,” insert “providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain policies of homeowner’s insurance;”; in line 18, strike “property and casualty” and substitute “homeowner’s”; and after line 23, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 19-214

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, after “(a)” insert “**THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A POLICY OF HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE THAT IS SUBJECT TO § 19-214 OF THIS TITLE.**

(B)”;

in line 2, strike “**OR EXCLUDE CERTAIN PERILS**”; in lines 5, 8, 14, and 15, in each instance, strike the bracket; strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 8 down through “**WRITING**” in line 13; in line 14, strike “(b)” and substitute “**(C)**”; strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 15 down through “**STATE**” in line 17; after line 17, insert:

“**19-214.**

(Over)

(A) AN INSURER MAY NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW A POLICY OF HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE SOLELY BECAUSE THE SUBJECT OF THE RISK OR THE APPLICANT’S OR INSURED’S ADDRESS IS LOCATED IN A CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE UNLESS:

(1) THE INSURER HAS ADOPTED A WRITTEN UNDERWRITING STANDARD DESIGNATING THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA;

(2) THE INSURER HAS FILED THE UNDERWRITING STANDARD FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND

(3) THE COMMISSIONER HAS APPROVED THE UNDERWRITING STANDARD IN WRITING.

(B) THE FILING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE INSURER PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDERWRITING STANDARD IN THE STATE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 30, strike “120” and substitute “90”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “120-DAY” and substitute “90-DAY”; and in lines 3 and 18, in each instance, strike “60” and substitute “30”.