

HOUSE BILL 342

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By: **Delegates Hucker, Barkley, Love, Olszewski, and Vaughn**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeowner's or Renter's Insurance and Private Passenger Motor Vehicle**
3 **Insurance – Bundling Requirement – Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance or
5 renter's insurance, from denying, refusing to renew, or canceling coverage solely
6 because the applicant or policyholder does not carry private passenger motor
7 vehicle insurance with the insurer; prohibiting an insurer, with respect to
8 private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from denying, refusing to renew, or
9 canceling coverage solely because the applicant or policyholder does not carry
10 homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance with the insurer; providing that
11 this Act does not prohibit certain actions by an applicant, a policyholder, or an
12 insurer with respect to certain insurance policies; providing for the application
13 of this Act; and generally relating to bundling policies of homeowner's insurance
14 or renter's insurance and private passenger motor vehicle insurance.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Insurance
17 Section 27–501(r)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Insurance**

23 27–501.

24 **(R) (1) WITH RESPECT TO HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE OR RENTER'S**
25 **INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR CANCEL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 COVERAGE FOR AN APPLICANT OR A POLICYHOLDER SOLELY BECAUSE THE
2 APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER DOES NOT CARRY PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR
3 VEHICLE INSURANCE WITH THE INSURER.

4 (2) WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE
5 INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, OR CANCEL
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7 APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER DOES NOT CARRY HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE OR
8 RENTER'S INSURANCE WITH THE INSURER.

9 (3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT:

10 (I) AN APPLICANT OR A POLICYHOLDER FROM BUNDLING
11 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE OR RENTER'S INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PASSENGER
12 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES IF THE APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER
13 CHOOSES TO DO SO; OR

14 (II) AN INSURER FROM OFFERING DISCOUNTS OR OTHER
15 INCENTIVES TO APPLICANTS OR POLICYHOLDERS WHO CHOOSE TO BUNDLE
16 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE OR RENTER'S INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PASSENGER
17 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
19 policies of homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance, and private passenger motor
20 vehicle insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,
21 2013.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2013.