

SENATE BILL 541

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By: **Senator Feldman**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Portable Electronics Insurance – Required Notices – Method of Mailing**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of mailing that an insurer or vendor is required to
4 use when the insurer or vendor sends to a policyholder or covered customer certain
5 notices about a termination or any other change in the terms and conditions of a
6 policy of portable electronics insurance; and generally relating to required notices
7 about portable electronics insurance.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Insurance

10 Section 19–903(a) and (h)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Insurance

15 Section 19–903(h)(2)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Insurance**

21 19–903.

22 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided
23 in this section, an insurer may not terminate or otherwise change the terms and conditions
24 of a policy of portable electronics insurance unless the insurer provides the policyholder
25 and covered customers with at least 60 days' notice.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) (1) Whenever notice is required in accordance with this section, the notice
2 shall be in writing and sent by mail or electronic means as specified in this subsection.

3 (2) (i) Unless notice by electronic means is authorized under paragraph
4 (3) or (4) of this subsection, notice under this section shall be provided by [a first-class]
5 mail [tracking method] in accordance with subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph.

6 (ii) Notice shall be mailed to the vendor at the vendor's last known
7 mailing address on file with the insurer.

8 (iii) Notice shall be mailed to a covered customer at the covered
9 customer's last known mailing address on file with the insurer or vendor.

10 (iv) The insurer or vendor responsible for mailing the notice under
11 this section shall maintain proof of mailing.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2016.