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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 856  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in lines 1 and 2, strike “under certain circumstances” and substitute “in accordance with certain provisions of law regardless of the amount of the premium; prohibiting the Division from contacting certain owners until at least a certain number of days after a certain date if the Division has received certain information from the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring the Division to send a certain notice to certain owners”; in line 7, strike the comma and substitute “; requiring the Division to meet with and solicit input from certain parties for a certain purpose, to take certain actions, to determine the effectiveness of the efforts to educate consumers regarding certain matters,”; in the same line, strike “within a certain period of time” and substitute “to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Division to report on certain information relating to a certain Program within a certain period of time”; and in line 26, strike “20–613” and substitute “20–614”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 21, after “(10)” insert “**IN ADDITION TO THE FUND, MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE IS PROVIDED THROUGH A SYSTEM OF PRIVATE INSURERS, INSURANCE PRODUCERS, AND INDEPENDENT INSURANCE PRODUCERS.**”

(11)”;

and in line 25, strike “(11)” and substitute “(12)”.

On page 7, in line 27, strike “**JUNE 30**” and substitute “**DECEMBER 31**”.

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On page 10, in line 16, after “INSTALLMENTS” insert “IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 20-507(G)(1)(II)1B OF THIS TITLE, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF THE PREMIUM”; strike beginning with “WITHOUT” in line 16 down through “FUND” in line 20; and after line 20, insert:

“20-614.

(A) IF THE UNINSURED DIVISION RECEIVES INFORMATION FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION AS REQUIRED UNDER § 17-106 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE REGARDING AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE WHO HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE REGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, THE UNINSURED DIVISION MAY NOT, IN ANY FASHION, CONTACT THE OWNER UNTIL AT LEAST 60 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL TERMINATION OR LAPSE OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY, AS REPORTED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION BY AN INSURER.

(B) IF THE UNINSURED DIVISION USES THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 17-106 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE TO CONTACT AN OWNER, THE UNINSURED DIVISION SHALL SEND A NOTICE TO THE OWNER THAT:

(1) PROVIDES THE WEBSITE ADDRESSES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, THE FUND, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WHERE THE OWNER MAY FIND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR INSURERS THAT WRITE MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE; AND

(2) ADVISES THE OWNER THAT THE OWNER MAY CONTACT THE OWNER’S INSURANCE PRODUCER, IF ANY, OR THE OWNER’S PRIOR INSURER TO

**DETERMINE WHETHER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE MAY BE PLACED FOR THE OWNER BY THE INSURANCE PRODUCER OR THE INSURER.**

On page 11, in line 14, after the first “THE” insert “UNINSURED”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 15, in line 2, after “and” insert “the Uninsured Division of”; in the same line, strike the colon; in line 3, strike “(1)”; in line 6, strike “; and” and substitute a period; after line 6, insert:

**“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Uninsured Division of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund shall:**

(1) (i) meet with and solicit input from other insurers, producers and producer associations, premium finance companies, the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Motor Vehicle Administration, consumer groups, and others as determined by the Uninsured Division concerning the implementation of methods or programs aimed at reducing the number of uninsured motorists; and

(ii) in meeting with and soliciting input from the parties specified under item (i) of this item:

1. determine a targeted reduced amount of the rate of uninsured motorists in the State that may be achieved with the implementation of methods or programs;

2. identify methods or programs that could be effective in reducing the number of uninsured motorists, including providing insurance premium credits or other rate subsidies to vehicle owners who are unable to afford insurance;

3. consider the involvement of other insurers and producers for each method or program;

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4. identify the amount of funds needed to implement each method or program and possible sources of additional funding, including:

A. altering the funding formula under § 17-106 of the Transportation Article; or

B. requesting funding, if needed, through a budget appropriation beginning with fiscal year 2020; and

(iii) review any other issue that the Uninsured Division considers appropriate relating to reducing the number of uninsured motorists;

(2) determine the effectiveness of efforts to educate consumers regarding:

(i) the security requirements under the Maryland Vehicle Law, including the proof of insurance provisions;

(ii) the sources of automobile insurance in the State, including private insurers and the Fund; and

(iii) how to shop for automobile insurance and the methods by which automobile insurance may be purchased, including through insurance producers; and

(3) on or before December 1, 2019, report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”;

in line 7, strike “(2)” and substitute “SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Uninsured Division of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund shall,”; in line 12, strike “(i)” and substitute “(1)”; in the same line, strike “and” and substitute:

“(2) the demographics of the Program participants, including gender, age, and zip code, and the insurance companies with whom participants obtained insurance;

“(3) any analysis or information relating to the implementation and effectiveness of the Program that the Uninsured Division considers appropriate; and”;

in line 13, strike “(ii)” and substitute “(4)”; in the same line, strike “another program” and substitute “other programs”; and in line 15, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”.