



Testimony of

American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

House Economic Matters Committee

House Bill 1482 Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund – Uninsured Driving Penalties

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Favorable with Amendment

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) is a national trade organization whose members write approximately 55.2% of the personal auto insurance market in Maryland. The bill increases the fines for driving uninsured which have not been updated in recent years. APCIA supports this legislation which will encourage drivers to keep their coverage in force and lower the number of uninsured drivers in the State. For example, some drivers obtained insurance to renew their tags only to let it lapse as it was cheaper to go uninsured with a maximum fine of \$2500 than to insure their vehicles. This bill raises the maximum fine to \$3500.

However, APCIA members are concerned with the July 1, 2024, effective date. APCIA members will need to update their policy forms to reflect these changes and obtain approval from the Maryland Insurance Administration. We, therefore, request a later implementation date of January 1, 2025.

With this amendment, APCIA urges the Committee to provide a favorable report on House Bill 1482.

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