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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 977  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “insurance,” insert “of the offer of certain coverage for water damage, of certain information about flood insurance, of certain optional coverages, of certain notices concerning portable electronics insurance.”; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 16 and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendment,

Article – Insurance

Section 1-101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 1-101(m-1)”;

in line 21, strike “12-106(a), (f),” and substitute “12-106(f)”; in the same line, strike “27-602(a)” and substitute “19-202(b), 19-206(a)(2) and (c), 19-207(a)(2) and (c), 19-903(h)(2), 27-601.2(c), 27-602(c)(1)”; in the same line, strike “27-603(a) and (d)” and substitute “27-603(c)(1), (d), and (e)(1)”; in line 22, strike “27-613(a),” and substitute “27-613(b)(2), (c)(1), and”; in the same line, strike “and (e),”; and in the same line, strike “27-614(a) and (c)(1)” and substitute “27-614(c)(1)”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 19, inclusive; and strike beginning with “Section(s)” in line 21 down through “That” in line 25.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 27, insert:

(Over)

“1-101.

(a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

**(M-1) (1) “FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD” MEANS A MAIL TRACKING METHOD THAT PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF THE DATE THAT A PIECE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL WAS ACCEPTED FOR MAILING BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

**(2) “FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD” INCLUDES:**

**(I) A CERTIFICATE OF MAIL; AND**

**(II) AN ELECTRONIC MAIL TRACKING SYSTEM USED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

**(3) “FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD” DOES NOT INCLUDE A CERTIFICATE OF BULK MAILING.”.**

On page 4, after line 32, insert:

“19-202.

**(b) If an application or renewal is made by telephone, the insurer is deemed to be in compliance with subsection (a) of this section if, within 7 calendar days after the date of application or renewal, the insurer sends [by certificate of mailing] the offer to the applicant or insured BY A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD.**

19-206.

(a) (2) If an application is made by telephone, the insurer is deemed to be in compliance with this section if, within 7 calendar days after the date of application, the insurer sends [by certificate of mailing] the notice to the applicant or insured BY A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD.

(c) A notice required to be sent by [certificate of mailing] A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD under this section may be sent with the statement required under § 19–207 of this subtitle.

19–207.

(a) (2) If an application is made by telephone, the insurer is deemed to be in compliance with this section if, within 7 calendar days after the date of application, the insurer sends [by certificate of mailing] the statement to the applicant or insured BY A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD.

(c) A statement required to be sent by [certificate of mailing] A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD under this section may be sent with the notice required under § 19–206 of this subtitle.

19–903.

(h) (2) (i) Unless notice by electronic means is authorized under paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection, notice under this section shall be provided by [mail] A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD in accordance with subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

27-601.2.

(c) Delivery of a notice in accordance with subsection (b) of this section shall be considered equivalent to any delivery method required under this subtitle, including delivery by first-class mail, certified mail, [certificate of mail, or certificate of mailing] OR A FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHOD.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 2 through line 24 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 24, inclusive; in line 25, strike “(d)” and substitute “(c)”; in line 31, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**(E)**”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 26, inclusive; and in line 27, strike “(d)” and substitute “(c)”.

On page 7, in line 1, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**(E)**”; in line 5, strike “(f)” and substitute “(e)”; strike in their entirety lines 12 through 25, inclusive; and in line 26, strike “(c)” and substitute “(b)”.

On page 8, in line 8, strike “(d)” and substitute “(c)”; in line 15, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**(E)**”; and strike in their entirety lines 19 through 24, inclusive.

On pages 8 and 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 8 through line 16 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 9, in line 22, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.