

HOUSE BILL 303

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Stewart**

Requested: October 19, 2020

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Long-Term Care Insurance – Prohibition on Premium Increases**
3 **(Long Term Stability for Seniors Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier from increasing a premium rate charged under a
5 policy or contract of long-term care insurance issued to an insured or entered into
6 by a contract holder who is a certain age or older; and generally relating to
7 long-term care insurance and premiums.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Insurance
10 Section 11-703(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Insurance
15 Section 11-703(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 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 11-703.

22 (a) A carrier may not charge a premium to an insured under a policy or contract
23 of long-term care insurance before the applicable premium rate is filed with and approved
24 by the Commissioner.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) **(1)** A carrier may not change the premium charged to an insured under a
2 policy or contract of long-term care insurance until the applicable premium rate change
3 has been filed with and approved by the Commissioner.

4 **(2) A CARRIER MAY NOT INCREASE A PREMIUM RATE CHARGED**
5 **UNDER A POLICY OR CONTRACT OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE ISSUED TO AN**
6 **INSURED OR ENTERED INTO BY A CONTRACT HOLDER WHO IS 85 YEARS OF AGE OR**
7 **OLDER.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2021.