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To: All Property & Casualty Insurers

Re: Senate Bill 125 / House Bill 118 (Chapter 63 / Chapter 62, Acts 2020) – Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance – Prohibition on Cancellation Due to Towing or Emergency Roadside Service Claims

This Bulletin will remind all property and casualty insurers that as a result of amendments to § 27-501 (d) of the Insurance Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, effective October 1, 2020, an insurer that issues a policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance in the State may not cancel, refuse to renew or otherwise terminate coverage such policy as a result of claims made under the policy's towing or emergency roadside coverage. Any insurer that presently uses towing or emergency roadside service claims as part of its cancellation / non-renewal guidelines must make a corrective rule filing with the Property & Casualty Rates and Forms Unit to be effective no later than October 1, 2020.

Please contact the Associate Commissioner for Property & Casualty, Robert Baron, with any questions concerning this Bulletin (Robert.Baron@Maryland.gov / 410.468.2353).

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