

SENATE BILL No. 701

January 13, 2016, Introduced by Senators KNOLLENBERG, HANSEN and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
by amending sections 1617 and 3020 (MCL 500.1617 and 500.3020),
section 1617 as added by 2002 PA 655 and section 3020 as amended by
2006 PA 106, and by adding section 3009a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1617. (1) Not later than 60 days after the termination of
2 creditor-placed insurance coverage, and in accordance with sections
3 2833(1)(h) and ~~3020(1)(e)~~, **3020(1)(D)**, an insurer shall refund any
4 unearned premium or other identifiable charges.

5 (2) Not later than 60 days after the termination date of
6 creditor-placed insurance coverage, the insurer shall provide to
7 the debtor a statement of refund disclosing the effective date, the
8 termination date, the amount of premium being refunded, and the

1 amount of premium charged for the coverage provided.

2 (3) If coverage under this chapter is not provided, the entire
3 amount of premiums, minimum premiums, fees, or charges of any kind
4 ~~shall~~ **MUST** be refunded.

5 **SEC. 3009A. AN INSURER SHALL NOT ISSUE AN INSURANCE POLICY**
6 **THAT PROVIDES THE SECURITY REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3101(1) THAT HAS**
7 **A TERM OF LESS THAN 30 DAYS.**

8 Sec. 3020. (1) ~~A~~ **AN AUTHORIZED INSURER SHALL NOT ISSUE OR**
9 **DELIVER IN THIS STATE A** policy of casualty insurance, except
10 worker's compensation and mortgage guaranty insurance, including
11 all classes of motor vehicle coverage, ~~shall not be issued or~~
12 ~~delivered in this state by an insurer authorized to do business in~~
13 ~~this state~~ for which a premium or advance assessment is charged,
14 unless the policy contains the following provisions:

15 (a) ~~That~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), THAT** the
16 policy may be canceled at any time at the request of the insured,
17 in which case the insurer shall refund the excess of paid premium
18 or assessment above the pro rata rates for the expired time, except
19 as otherwise provided in subsections (2), (3), and (4).

20 **(B) FOR A POLICY THAT PROVIDES THE SECURITY REQUIRED BY**
21 **SECTION 3101(1), THAT THE POLICY MAY BE CANCELED AT ANY TIME AFTER**
22 **THE FIRST 30 DAYS AT THE REQUEST OF THE INSURED, IN WHICH CASE THE**
23 **INSURER SHALL REFUND THE EXCESS OF PAID PREMIUM OR ASSESSMENT ABOVE**
24 **THE PRO RATA RATES FOR THE EXPIRED TIME, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE**
25 **PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OR (3).**

26 (C) ~~(b)~~ Except as otherwise provided in subdivision ~~(d)~~, **(E)**,
27 that the policy may be canceled at any time by the insurer by

1 mailing to the insured at the insured's address last known to the
2 insurer or an authorized agent of the insurer, with postage fully
3 prepaid, a not less than 10 days' written notice of cancellation
4 with or without tender of the excess of paid premium or assessment
5 above the pro rata premium for the expired time.

6 (D) ~~(c)~~ That the minimum earned premium on any policy canceled
7 pursuant to ~~UNDER~~ this subsection, other than automobile insurance
8 as defined in section 2102(2)(a) and (b), ~~shall~~ **MUST** not be less
9 than the pro rata premium for the expired time or \$25.00, whichever
10 is greater.

11 (E) ~~(d)~~ That an insurer may refuse to renew a malpractice
12 insurance policy only by mailing to the insured at the insured's
13 address last known to the insurer or an authorized agent of the
14 insurer, with postage fully prepaid, a not less than 60 days'
15 written notice of refusal to renew. As used in this subdivision,
16 "malpractice insurance" means malpractice insurance as described in
17 section 624(1)(h).

18 (2) An insurer may file a rule with the ~~commissioner~~ **DIRECTOR**
19 providing for a minimum retention of premium for automobile
20 insurance as defined in section 2102(2)(a) and (b). The rule ~~shall~~
21 **MUST** describe the circumstances under which the retention is
22 applied and ~~shall~~ set forth the amount to be retained, which is
23 subject to the approval of the ~~commissioner~~ **DIRECTOR**. The rule
24 ~~shall~~ **MUST** include, but need not be limited to, the following
25 provisions:

26 (a) That a minimum retention ~~shall~~ **WILL** be applied only ~~when~~
27 **IF** the amount exceeds the amount that would have been retained had

1 the policy been canceled on a pro rata basis.

2 (b) That a minimum retention does not apply to renewal
3 policies.

4 (c) That a minimum retention does not apply when a policy is
5 canceled for **1 OR MORE OF** the following reasons:

6 (i) The insured is no longer required to maintain security
7 ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** section 3101(1).

8 (ii) The insured has replaced the automobile insurance policy
9 being canceled with an automobile insurance policy from another
10 insurer and provides proof of the replacement coverage to the
11 canceling insurer.

12 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an insurer may issue a
13 noncancelable, nonrefundable, 6-month prepaid automobile insurance
14 policy in order for an insured to meet the registration
15 requirements of section 227a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
16 300, MCL 257.227a.

17 (4) An insurer may provide for a short rate premium for
18 insurance on a motorcycle, watercraft, off-road vehicle, or
19 snowmobile. As used in this subsection:

20 (a) "Motorcycle" means that term as defined in section 3101.

21 (b) "Off-road vehicle" means an ORV as defined in section
22 81101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,
23 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101.

24 (c) "Snowmobile" means that term as defined in section 82101
25 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
26 451, MCL 324.82101.

27 (d) "Watercraft" means that term as defined in section 80301

1 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA
2 451, MCL 324.80301.

3 (5) Cancellation as prescribed in this section is without
4 prejudice to any claim originating before the cancellation. The
5 mailing of notice is prima facie proof of notice. Delivery of
6 written notice is equivalent to mailing.

7 (6) A notice of cancellation, including a cancellation notice
8 under section 3224, ~~shall~~**MUST** be accompanied by a statement that
9 the insured ~~shall~~**MAY** not operate or permit the operation of the
10 vehicle to which notice of cancellation is applicable, or operate
11 any other vehicle, unless the vehicle is insured as required by
12 law.

13 (7) An insurer who wishes to provide for a short rate premium
14 under subsection (4) shall file with the ~~commissioner pursuant to~~
15 **DIRECTOR UNDER** chapter 24 or 26 a rule establishing a short rate
16 premium. The rule ~~shall~~**MUST** describe the circumstances under which
17 the short rate is applied and ~~shall~~ set forth the amount or
18 percentage to be retained.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
20 after the date it is enacted into law.