

Chapter 74

(Senate Bill 254)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Motor Vehicle Insurance Companies – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to participate in a certain program of insurance verification for motor vehicle insurance policies; requiring motor vehicle insurance companies to provide certain customer information details; and generally relating to motor vehicle insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 17–104(a), (b), and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 17–104(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

17–104.

(a) The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Administration that the required security is in effect.

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this State shall maintain the required security for the vehicle during the registration period.

(c) Each insurer or other provider of required security shall:

(1) [Except as provided in item (2) of this subsection, immediately notify the Administration electronically of new motor vehicle insurance policies issued for insured vehicles registered in the State; and] **PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION’S ONLINE VERIFICATION PROGRAM FOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES;**

(2) For each fleet policy, electronically notify the Administration every 30 days of any additions, deletions, or modifications to the fleet policy, including those policy numbers affected; AND

(3) ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATION WITH ALL ACTIVE INSURANCE POLICIES:

(I) IN A FORMAT REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(II) AT AN INTERVAL DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(d) The Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration and representatives of the automobile insurance industry, shall adopt regulations that establish procedures to be used by an insurer to provide timely notification to an insured of the penalties that may be imposed in accordance with § 17-106 of this subtitle if the insured fails to renew or replace a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance without surrendering the evidences of registration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2024~~ January 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2024.