

# SENATE BILL 456

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance – Definition of Premium – Inclusion of Motor Vehicle Record and**  
3 **Accident History Report Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “premium” for purposes of the insurance  
5 laws of the State to include, except in connection with automobile insurance  
6 placed through the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, a fee charged by the  
7 Motor Vehicle Administration for a driving record and a fee for an accident  
8 history report.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Insurance  
11 Section 1–101(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Insurance  
16 Section 1–101(ff)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Insurance**

22 1–101.

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

24 (ff) (1) “Premium” means consideration for insurance.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    “Premium” includes:

2                           (i)    except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an  
3 assessment; [and]

4                           (ii)   a membership fee, policy fee, survey fee, inspection fee,  
5 service fee, or other similar fee in consideration for an insurance contract; **AND**

6                           **(III) EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH AUTOMOBILE**  
7 **INSURANCE PLACED THROUGH THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE**  
8 **FUND, A FEE CHARGED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION FOR A**  
9 **DRIVING RECORD AND A FEE FOR AN ACCIDENT HISTORY REPORT.**

10           (3)    “Premium” does not include:

11                           (i)    an assessment as described in § 9–225 of this article; or

12                           (ii)   an assessment made under any State law that provides for  
13 insolvency protection or insurance availability.

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2014.