

HOUSE BILL 1148

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By: **Delegates Wivell, Baker, Hinebaugh, and Valentine**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Property and Casualty**~~ **Homeowner's and Renter's Insurance – Lapses in**
3 **Coverage – Prohibition on Denial**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~a property and casualty~~ an insurer, with respect to
5 homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance, from denying coverage based on a prior
6 lapse in coverage of the applicant under certain circumstances; authorizing a
7 property and casualty insurer to require an applicant to submit a certain affidavit;
8 and generally relating to ~~property and casualty~~ homeowner's and renter's insurance.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Insurance

11 Section 27–501(u)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Insurance**

17 27–501.

18 **(U) (1) WITH RESPECT TO ~~PROPERTY AND CASUALTY~~ HOMEOWNER'S**
19 **INSURANCE OR RENTER'S INSURANCE, AN INSURER MAY NOT DENY COVERAGE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BASED ON A PRIOR LAPSE IN COVERAGE OF THE APPLICANT IF THE LAPSE IN
2 COVERAGE WAS:

3 ~~(1)~~ (I) DUE TO THE CHOICE OF THE APPLICANT; AND

4 ~~(2)~~ (II) NOT DUE TO LOSSES INCURRED BY OR THE CLAIMS HISTORY
5 OF THE APPLICANT.

6 (2) AN INSURER MAY REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT SUBMIT AN
7 AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE APPLICANT DID NOT INCUR A LOSS DURING THE
8 PRIOR LAPSE IN COVERAGE.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.