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BULLETIN 21-03

Date: January 12, 2021

To: All Property and Casualty Insurers and Insurance Producers and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund

Re: Motor vehicle liability policy cancellations and non-renewals due to driver expirations

The Maryland Insurance Administration (“Insurance Administration”) has been contacted concerning instances of motor vehicle liability insurance policy cancellation and / or non-renewal notices being issued as a result of the expiration of an insured operator’s driver’s license. On March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 virus which remains in effect. In accordance with Governor Hogan’s Executive Order, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration is not suspending drivers’ licenses at this time due to license expirations. Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order, all licensed drivers in Maryland will have 30 days from the time the Governor’s Executive Order is lifted to obtain a renewal license.

As a result of the Governor’s Executive Order, while the State of Emergency remains in place, insurers that issue motor vehicle liability insurance policies in the State may not cancel or non-renew a policy due to the expiration of an insured’s driver’s license. The Insurance Administration requests that all property and casualty insurers that write motor vehicle liability insurance policies in the State take the necessary steps to prevent the issuance of cancellation and / or non-renewal notices of this type. 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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By: **signature on original** _____

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