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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S DECISION UPHeld BY COURT OF APPEALS

(January 25, 2012) –The Court of Appeals today upheld an administrative Order of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in the case of *People's Insurance Counsel Division v. Allstate Insurance Co.* The Commissioner had found that Allstate's decision to stop writing new property insurance policies in certain geographic areas of the State was subject to review under two separate statutes: § 19-107 and § 27-501 of the Insurance Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Commissioner Therese M. Goldsmith said, "We are pleased that the Court affirmed the decision, particularly with the finding that our anti-discrimination statute applies in this case. Going forward, it will be clear that § 27-501 applies to all underwriting decisions."

The Court of Appeals' decision regarding the anti-discrimination statute overturned an earlier decision by the Court of Special Appeals.

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