

515.80 Forfeiture of policies notice.

1. A policy or contract of insurance, unless otherwise provided in section 515.81A or 515.81B, provided for in this chapter shall not be forfeited, suspended, or canceled except by notice to the insured as provided in this chapter. A notice of cancellation is not effective unless mailed or delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least thirty days before the effective date of cancellation, or, where cancellation is for nonpayment of a premium, assessment, or installment provided for in the policy, or in a note or contract for the payment thereof, at least ten days prior to the date of cancellation. The notice may be made in person, or by sending by mail a letter addressed to the insured at the insured's address as given in or upon the policy, anything in the policy, application, or a separate agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. An insurer shall not fail to renew a policy except by notice to the insured as provided in this chapter. A notice of intention not to renew is not effective unless mailed or delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least thirty days prior to the expiration date of the policy. A notice of intention not to renew is not required if the insured is transferred from an insurer to an affiliate for future coverage as a result of a merger, acquisition, or company restructuring and if the transfer results in the same or broader coverage.

If the reason does not accompany the notice of cancellation or nonrenewal, the insurer shall, upon receipt of a timely request by the named insured, state in writing the reason for cancellation or nonrenewal.

[C97, § 1727; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **8959**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 515.80]

87 Acts, ch 132, § 3; 88 Acts, ch 1112, § 404; 90 Acts, ch 1234, § 38; 2002 Acts, ch 1111, §17

Footnotes

Continuation rights and notice under group accident and health insurance, see §509B.5

See § 515D.5, 515D.7