

1908, ch. 322, sec. 157 L

174. Immediately upon the passage of this Act the said insurance commissioner shall have a copy thereof published in one or more daily newspapers published in Baltimore city and one newspaper published in each of the counties of the State of Maryland.

Insurance Department.

1904, art. 23, sec. 158. 1888, art. 23, sec. 121. 1860, art. 56, sec. 27. 1858, ch. 432, sec. 1. 1872, ch. 388. 1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248.
1878, ch. 106. 1900, ch. 700.

175. There shall be a distinct department, to be known as the insurance department, the office for which shall be in the city of Baltimore, which shall be charged with the execution of the laws of this State in relation to insurance, the chief officer of which shall be appointed by the governor, treasurer and comptroller for the term of four years, and shall be known as the insurance commissioner, and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable only out of the fees of said department authorized by this article, and shall hold office during the term for which he is appointed, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the governor, treasurer and comptroller; and the said insurance commissioner shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties; and no person who is a director, officer or agent of, or directly or indirectly interested in any insurance company, except as insured, shall be appointed as such insurance commissioner. And the said insurance commissioner is authorized to appoint an actuary for his said insurance department, and also to employ such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary to the proper discharge of the duties and efficiency of his department; provided, however, that the salary and pay of such actuary and clerks shall be paid out of the fees of said insurance department; and provided further, that he shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars for the pay of such clerical assistance.

The governor, comptroller and treasurer have the power (by unanimous action) to remove the insurance commissioner without cause and without notice. History of the insurance department. *Townsend v. Kurtz*, 83 Md. 340 (decided in 1896).

Ibid. sec. 159. 1892, ch. 612. 1894, ch. 256, sec. 121 A.

176. The insurance commissioner is authorized to employ a counsel for the insurance department at an annual compensation not exceeding one thousand dollars, which shall be paid out of the fees of said insurance department.

1908, ch. 553.

177. The insurance commissioner is also authorized to employ an examiner for the insurance department at an annual compensation not exceeding fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars, which shall be paid out of the fees of said insurance department. And it shall be the duty