

154AJ. Each attorney by or through whom are issued any policies of or contracts for indemnity of the character referred to in this Act, shall procure from the Insurance Commissioner annually a Certificate of Authority stating that all the requirements of this Act have been complied with, and upon such compliance and the payment of the fees and taxes required by this Act, the Insurance Commissioner shall issue such Certificate.

154AK. In addition to the foregoing penalties, and where not otherwise provided, the penalty for failure or refusal to comply with any of the terms and provisions of this Act upon the part of the attorney, shall be the refusal, suspension or revocation of Certificate of Authority or license by the Insurance Commissioner and publication of his act, after due notice and opportunity for hearing has been given such attorney, so that he may appear and show cause why such action should not be taken.

154AL. In lieu of all other taxes, licenses or fees whatever, State or local, such attorney, except such as shall have the principal office located in this State, shall pay annually on account of the transaction of such business in this State, a license fee of twenty-five dollars and a tax of two per cent. upon the gross premiums or deposits during the preceding calendar year, deducting all amounts returned to subscribers or credited to their accounts other than for losses; except that where other States collect from reciprocal or inter-insurers having the principal office of the attorney located in this State and exchanging indemnity in such States, fees, taxes or charges in excess of or less than those prescribed by this section, then such attorneys having their principal offices in such States and exchanging indemnity in this State, shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland the same fees, taxes and charges as are collected or would be collected by such other States from reciprocal or inter-insurers having the principal office of the attorney located in Maryland, and exchanging indemnity in such States.

154AM. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed in so far as they are in conflict with this Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be effective from and after June 1st, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.