

the said Register of Wills in payment for said work and the necessary book.

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CHAPTER 451.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 175, 176B and 177 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations", sub-title "Insurance Department", so as to provide that the salaries payable by the State to certain officers or employees in the Insurance Department shall no longer be paid from the fees received by the Department; and also to repeal section 176 of said Article 23, providing for counsel for the Insurance Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 175, 176B and 177 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations", sub-title "Insurance Department", be and the same hereby are, respectively, repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

175. There shall be a distinct department to be known as the State Insurance Department, which shall be charged with the execution of the laws of this State in relation to insurance, the principal office for which shall be located, in the city of Baltimore. The chief officer of said department shall be appointed by the governor, comptroller and treasurer, or by a majority of them, for the term of four years, and shall be known as the State Insurance Commissioner of Maryland, who shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, provided, however, that 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. Said State Insurance Commissioner shall hold office during the term for which he is appointed and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause by the governor, comptroller, and treasurer, and shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties. There shall also be a deputy insurance commissioner, who shall be appointed by the State Insurance Commissioner, and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and in the event of the death, resignation, disability or disqualifica-