

and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Vallie H. Pyle and the sum of seventy-five dollars for the support of James Alexander Jones, both of said County; and they the County Commissioners, are hereby directed to pay, at their discretion, the sums so levied to the said Vallie H. Pyle and the said James Alexander Jones, annually.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 24th, 1914.

CHAPTER 152.

AN ACT to amend and re-enact sub-section Sixth of Section 160 of Article 23 of the Code of 1904 of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," providing for the examination of insurance companies and for compensation to be paid the examiners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sub-section Sixth of Section 160 of Article 23 of the Code of 1904 of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SIXTH. Before granting certificates of authority to an insurance company to issue policies or make contracts of insurance, the Insurance Commissioner shall be satisfied by such examination and evidence as he sees fit to make and require, that such company is otherwise duly qualified under the laws of this State to transact business therein; once at least during his term of office he shall cause the affairs of every insurance company organized under the laws of this State to be thoroughly inspected and examined, with special regard to its financial condition and its ability to fulfill its obligations, and shall ascertain and determine whether or not it has complied with the laws of this State; he shall also cause an examination of every such company to be made whenever he deems it prudent to do so, or upon the request of five or more of the stockholders, creditors, policy-holders or persons pecuniarily interested therein, who shall make affidavit of their belief, with specifications of reasons therefor, showing a prima facie case that such com-