

CHAPTER 52

(Senate Bill 177)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 178 (3) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Insurance," subtitle "11. Agents and Brokers," amending the laws to provide a mandatory waiting period for any person having failed after three attempts to successfully complete the written examination for qualification for license to sell life insurance, health insurance, or annuities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 178 (3) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Insurance," subtitle "11. Agents and Brokers," be and it hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendment, to read as follows:

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(3) The Commissioner shall establish reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the scope, type, conduct and grading of such written examinations and the times and places within this State where they shall be held; provided, that applicants shall be permitted to take such examinations at least once in each week at the principal office of the Commissioner, and provided further that such examinations shall be offered at least once in each month at a location on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and once each month at a location on the Western Shore of Maryland, (other than Baltimore City), such locations to be selected by the Commissioner; and all examinations must be graded within thirty days following the date of the examination.

Any person who shall have taken and failed to pass any such examination shall not be entitled to take any further examination until fourteen (14) days after the date of the last examination in which he failed. Any person shall be entitled to take not more than three examinations for an initial fee of \$5.00. *If a person is not successful in obtaining a passing grade after three examinations, it shall be necessary for such person to wait a period of at least six (6) months from the last examination before he is eligible to take another examination. If having failed to obtain a passing grade after six examinations, a person shall be required to wait at least one year from the date of his last examination before attempting any further examinations.* Any person requiring more than three examinations shall pay an additional fee of \$5.00 which shall entitle him to take three more examinations. Thereafter, a fee of \$5.00 shall be paid each time said examination shall be taken.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved March 23, 1966.

CHAPTER 53

(Senate Bill 331)

AN ACT to add new Section 57(m) to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title