

CHAPTER 543

(Senate Bill 358)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 152, 154(a), 155(a), 166, 167(a), 167A, 168(c), 169, 170, 171, 172 and 173 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund," and to add new Section 173A to said Article, to follow immediately after Section 173 thereof, to substitute the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board for the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as the party defendant in cases of uninsured motorists whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained and in cases of hit-and-run accidents, to provide that the Board be designated to accept service of process, to provide for the administration of proceedings already commenced and generally relating to the operation and administration of such fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 152, 154(a), 155(a), 166, 167(a), 167A, 168(c), 169, 170, 171, 172 and 173 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and that new Section 173A be and it is hereby added to said Article, to follow immediately after Section 173 thereof, and all to read as follows:

152.

There is hereby created an Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board consisting of the Commissioner, the Commissioner of Insurance, four representatives of insurers, and four representatives of the public. Such representatives of insurers shall be designated annually by the Commissioner of Insurance. He shall designate one representative of each of the following classes of companies:

- (a) Stock company rating organization members;
- (b) Mutual company rating organization members;
- (c) Independent stock companies; and
- (d) Independent mutual and other companies.

A person designated as a representative shall be an employee or officer of an insurer of the class which he represents. The four representatives of the public not connected with the insurance industry shall be appointed annually by the Governor at the same time that the designation of insurer's representatives is made by the Commissioner of Insurance. None of the members of the Board shall receive any compensation or remuneration from the fund, except that members who are not employees of the State may, upon application, receive \$25.00 per day as expenses for each meeting attended, however, total payment per member is not to exceed \$300.00 in any one calendar year. Such Board shall maintain an office in the State, administer the fund subject to the provisions of this subtitle, determine its cash requirements, and the amounts, if