

missioner; and that the rates charged, or proposed to be charged, for each form of such contract are fair and reasonable;

(4) That no contributions to the funds of the corporation for working capital are repayable by the corporation except out of the earned premiums over and above operating expenses, payments to participating hospitals, physicians, chiroprodists, pharmacists, dentists or optometrists and such reserve as the Insurance Commissioner may deem adequate;

(5) That the amount of money actually received by the applicant upon the term specified in paragraph (4) hereof for working capital is sufficient to carry all acquisition costs and operating expenses for a period of at least three months from the date of the issuance of the certificate of authority or license, but in no case to be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) [.] , provided, however, that any corporation seeking an initial certificate of authority under this subtitle after July 1, 1969, shall have working capital of at least \$100,000.

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(d) Any corporation authorized to issue contracts under the provisions of this subtitle shall at all times maintain unencumbered assets in the amount of \$25,000 in excess of liabilities, provided, however, that any corporation which received its authorization under this subtitle prior to July 1, 1969, shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection until July 1, 1971, and, provided further, that the Insurance Commissioner may, upon petition, extend this exemption period once, for one year, if he is satisfied that the petitioning corporation will be able to meet the requirements of this subsection within the period of the one year extension.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 181

(Senate Bill 246)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 171 (b) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Agents and Brokers," to make it clear that nonresident agents and brokers are subject to the same terms and fees as invoked by their state of residence on Maryland agents or brokers transacting similar business.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 171 (b) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Agents and Brokers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: