

SUBSECTION, ON JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, FOR EACH INSURER THAT FAILS TO FILE ITS RENEWAL APPLICATION AND CONTINUATION FEE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAY:

(I) ORDER THAT THE INSURER CEASE AND DESIST FROM ENGAGING FURTHER FROM THE WRITING OF INSURANCE IN THIS STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 55 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(II) ISSUE AN ORDER TO REQUIRE THE INSURER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

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(f) (1) "Plan" means a fund or other arrangement that is established, maintained, or contributed to by an employer, employee organization, or both, to the extent that the fund or arrangement was established or is maintained for the purpose of:

[(1)](I) providing for participants or beneficiaries, any of whom are residents of the State, through the purchase of insurance or otherwise:

[(i)] 1. medical, surgical, or hospital care or benefits;

[(ii)] 2. benefits in the event of sickness, accident, disability, death, or unemployment;

[(iii)] 3. vacation benefits;

[(iv)] 4. apprenticeship or other training programs;

[(v)] 5. day care centers;

[(vi)] 6. scholarship funds;

[(vii)] 7. prepaid legal services;

[(viii)] 8. severance pay arrangements; or

[(ix)] 9. supplemental retirement income payments; or

[(2)](II) providing retirement income to or allowing the deferral of income by employees, any of whom are residents of the State, until or after the termination of covered employment.

(2) "PLAN" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FUND OR ARRANGEMENT ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAWS OF THE STATE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Insurance Administration shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by October 1, 1997, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, on the number of insurers that have failed to renew a certificate of authority in a timely manner and any action that was taken by the Administration against such insurers.