a certain evaluation of the market value of the converting mutual company; requiring the Commissioner to approve or disapprove the plan within a certain period-after filing; requiring certain-notice to be sent to members of the mutual company who hold certain-policies; imposing certain restrictions on acquisition of stock of the converted stock company on certain persons and authorizing certain exceptions; allowing the Commissioner to waive certain requirements of this Act under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to conversion of mutual insurance companies repealing the mandatory hearing requirement before the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may approve a conversion plan under certain circumstances; requiring a conversion plan to include certain provisions concerning a holder of a surplus note participating in the conversion under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to approve or disapprove a conversion plan within a certain period of time; authorizing the Commissioner to retain a certain qualified expert under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to hold a hearing on a conversion plan under certain circumstances; authorizing the board of directors of a certain mutual insurer to petition the Commissioner for a certain waiver under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to waive certain requirements as to a certain mutual insurer under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations concerning the conversion of a mutual insurer under certain circumstances; making certain provisions of this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the conversion of a mutual insurer to a stock insurer.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 270

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 3-121

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

BY adding to

Article Insurance

Section 3-401 through 3-418 and the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Insurance-Company Mutual-to-Stock Conversion"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996-Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: