

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002. Section 1 of this Act shall remain in effect for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 286

(House Bill 1456)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Certificate of Authority - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for an insurer who fails to renew its certificate of authority by a certain date; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to determine the amount of certain penalties or forfeitures; requiring the Commissioner to consider certain factors in making that determination; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to insurers and certificates of authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 4-112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

4-112.

(a) A certificate of authority expires on the first June 30 after its effective date unless it is renewed as provided in this section.

(b) At least 2 months before a certificate of authority expires, the Commissioner shall mail to the holder of the certificate of authority, at the last known address of the holder:

(1) a renewal application form; and

(2) a notice that states:

(i) the date on which the current certificate of authority expires;