

163, to report the same to the State's Attorney for the county or city in which such offense may have been committed. No person shall be excused from testifying, or from producing any books, contracts, agreements or documents at the trial of any person charged with violating any provision of either of said sections on the ground that such testimony or evidence may tend to incriminate himself, but no person shall be prosecuted for any act concerning which he shall be compelled so to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except for perjury committed in so testifying.

1908, ch. 322, sec. 157A. 1914, ch. 529.

166. All persons, individuals, firms, associations and corporations obtaining insurance on property situate in this State, (owned by individuals or firms resident in this State, or corporations incorporated under the laws of this State), against fire, lightning, or tornado, from companies, associations, firms or corporations not authorized to transact business in this State, shall file with the insurance commissioner of the State a statement or declaration setting forth the name of the company, number of policy, amount of insurance, rate, premium and description of property; shall be required to pay a tax thereon of five per cent. of the premium paid on such policies to the said commissioner, and shall further pay a fee to said insurance commissioner of one dollar on each policy for making a record of the said statement or declaration, which record shall be kept for the private information of the insurance department of this State, and shall not be a public record.

167.

This section referred to in construing section 149—see notes thereto. *Cumberland Gaslight Co. v. W. Va. Gas Co.*, 188 Fed. 585.

Insurance Department.

1904, art. 23, sec. 158. 1888, art. 23, sec. 121. 1860, art. 56, sec. 27. 1858, ch. 432, sec. 1. 1872, ch. 388. 1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248. 1878, ch. 106. 1900, ch. 700. 1912, ch. 355

175. There shall be a distinct department, to be known as the State Insurance Department, which shall be charged with the execution of the laws of this State in relation to insurance, the principal office for which shall be located in the City of Baltimore. The chief officer of said department shall be appointed by the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer, or by a majority of them, for the term of four years, and shall be known as the State Insurance Commissioner of Maryland, who shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable only out of the receipts of said department authorized by this article; provided, however, that no person who is a director, officer or agent of, or directly or indirectly interested in any insurance company except as insured, shall be appointed as such Insurance Commissioner. Said State Insurance Commissioner shall hold office during the term for which he is appointed and until his successor is appointed and qualified,