

neglect or refusal had been a witness summoned to appear in said Court in a case pending before it.

The requirement of this section that the insurance commissioner be a party to any proceeding to close up the affairs of an insurance company was satisfied where the commissioner was made defendant to an amended bill and so remained until after the order appealed from, when he was by order made a party plaintiff. *Great Nat. Ins. Co. v. Fire Ins. Co.*, 165 Md. 515.

1933, ch. 152. 1935, ch. 151.

11. The Insurance Commissioner of this State shall have power to make, alter, amend and rescind rules and regulations imposing any condition upon the conduct of the business of any insurance company which may be necessary or desirable to maintain sound methods of insurance and to safeguard the interests of policyholders, beneficiaries, obligees and the public generally, during the period of such emergency, which rules and regulations shall have the force of law and shall become inoperative when such emergency shall cease, and an order to that effect shall be made by said Commissioner, but in no event shall this section be effective for more than two years from the date of its passage.¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 11. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 12. 1927, ch. 394, sec. 11.

12. (Annual Report to Governor.) The Commissioner shall preserve in permanent form a full record of his proceedings, and a concise statement of the condition of each company visited or examined, and report annually to the Governor, on or before the first day of September, his official acts. In his report to the Governor he shall report the condition of the companies doing business in this State, and such other information as will exhibit the affairs of his department; a copy of which said report to the Governor he shall forward to the Insurance Commissioner or other similar officer of every other State of the United States, and to each company doing business in this State; and on request he shall communicate to the Insurance Commissioner, or other proper officer of any other State, any facts which by law it is his duty to ascertain respecting companies of this State doing business within such other State; and at the request of any person, and on payment of the proper fee, as hereinafter provided, he shall give certified copies of any record or paper in his office when he deems it not prejudicial to the public interest so to do, and he shall give such other certificates as this Article provides for. He shall adopt and renew from time to time, when necessary, with the approval of the Governor, a seal of office, an impression and description of which, with the Governor's certificate of approval, shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

General Provisions.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 14. 1939, ch. 529.

13. (Formation of Insurance Corporations.) Corporations may be formed under the provisions of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws for insurance purposes, and may be formed either as mutual or stock companies, as shall be determined and declared in the certificate of incorporation of any such company.

¹ This section is apparently no longer in effect, but any rules, regulations, etc., made under its authority may still have some application.