

cessor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller; and the said Insurance Commissioner shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties; and 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. And the said Insurance Commissioner is authorized to appoint an actuary for his said insurance department, and also to employ such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary to the proper discharge of the duties and efficiency of his department; provided, however, that the salary and pay of such actuary and clerks shall be paid out of the fees of said insurance department; and provided further, that he shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars for the pay of such clerical assistance.

1900, ch. 512.

**126A.** No corporation or association, whether organized under the laws of the State of Maryland or otherwise, and no copartnership or individual, and no agent or employee of any company, individual, association or firm, whether such person be a licensed broker or otherwise, shall, directly or indirectly, pay, except to the lawful agent or solicitor of such company, and to him solely upon the premiums on policies issued by the company for which he may be licensed agent or solicitor, or to an insurance broker licensed by the State of Maryland, any commission, reward or rebate in consideration of procuring, or influencing others to procure, insurance from such company, association, individual or firm, nor collect or agree to collect from any person, whether or not the same may be the owner of the property insured, or his agent, or other person, any amount less than that expressed in the policy or policies as being the premiums therefor; and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the fines imposed by section 138 of this article.

Ibid.

**126B.** No corporation or association authorized to transact business in this State, and no copartnership or individual, resident or non-resident, shall write any policy of insurance, or assume