

of any resident of this State any policy participating in the profits or surplus under which the accounting, apportionment and distribution of surplus to the policy holder shall be delayed for a longer period than five years from the date at which the insurance first went into effect, or from any preceding accounting, apportionment or distribution of surplus.

1906, ch. 273.

198 B. No life insurance company incorporated under the laws of Maryland, or incorporated elsewhere and doing business in said State, shall be permitted to enter into any agreement with any policy holder or applicant for insurance intended as a waiver of any of the provisions of the preceding section, and it shall be the duty of the insurance commissioner to revoke the authority of any such corporation to transact business in this State for failure to comply with any of the requirements of the preceding section.*

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Fire Marshal.

1894, ch. 248. 1906, ch. 709, sec. 2.

204. It shall be the duty of the said fire marshal or the deputy fire marshal hereinafter created to examine into the causes, circumstances and origin of all fires occurring within the State to which his attention may be called, and which, in his judgment, requires examination; and in making said examinations the said fire marshal or deputy fire marshal may, when in his judgment said proceedings are necessary, take the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts, or to have the means of knowledge in relation to the matters herein required to be examined and inquired into, and to cause the said testimony to be reduced to writing; and when, in his judgment, such examination discloses that the fire was of incendiary origin, the fire marshal or deputy fire marshal may cause the supposed incendiary to be arrested and charged with the crime; and shall transmit a copy of the testimony so taken to the State's attorney for the county or city wherein said fire occurred; and upon the request of the owner or insurer of any property destroyed or injured by fire, the said fire marshal or deputy fire marshal shall make a written report to the

*Called sections 199 and 200 in the act.