

and salary of the Deputy Insurance Commissioner and providing for the extension of the term of the incumbent Deputy, or his successor, for a period not exceeding two years immediately following his attaining the age of retirement.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Insurance Department", be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Section 5. Deputy Insurance Commissioner. There shall also be a Deputy Insurance Commissioner, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner, and who, in the event of the absence, death, resignation, disability or disqualification of the Commissioner, or in case the office of Commissioner shall for any cause become vacant, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner. He shall give bond to the Commissioner in such penalty as shall be determined by the Commissioner, and shall receive an annual compensation as provided in the budget. In the event of the absence or disability of the Deputy Insurance Commissioner, the Insurance Commissioner appointed and qualified under Sections 3 and 4 of this Article, may designate and appoint an Acting Deputy Insurance Commissioner for the period covering the absence and/or disability of such Deputy Insurance Commissioner. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to continue in office the present incumbent Deputy Commissioner, or any successor to said Deputy, for a period not exceeding two years immediately following his having attained the age of compulsory retirement as now or hereafter provided by law, if in the judgment of the Commissioner, such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the functioning of his Department.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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