

27. (Misleading Names.) No insurance company of this State shall assume the name of any foreign or domestic corporation, or one so closely resembling it as to mislead the public as to its identity. No foreign or alien insurance company having the same name or one so closely resembling the name of another domestic, foreign or alien insurance company then doing business in Maryland as to mislead the public as to its identity, shall be admitted to this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all 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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CHAPTER 269.

(House Bill 448)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 44 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "General Provisions", providing penalties for acts of rebating and discrimination practiced by life, accident and health insurance companies, and officers, agents, insurers and other persons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 44 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "General Provisions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

44. **Rebating and Discrimination Unlawful (Life and Accident and Health).** No insurance company doing business in this State shall make or permit any discrimination or distinction in favor of individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life in the amount of premiums or rates charged for policies of life or endowment insurance, or in any of the terms and conditions of the contracts it makes, as an inducement of such insurance, or make or permit any discrimination or distinction between individuals of the same class and of essentially the same hazard in the amount