date on which bids are to be filed, and the contract for any such school building, improvement, supplies or other equipment shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Board of Education in the respective counties shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise for other bids, and any contract entered into or purchase made in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for the purchase of books and/or other materials of instruction, and provided further that the Board of Education in any county shall be permitted to name in the specifications and advertisement for bids under this section the particular make, kind or brand of article or articles to be purchased or contracted for, and provided further that nothing in this section shall apply to emergency repairs during the period of the regular school year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved March 31, 1933.

CHAPTER 152.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 48A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Insurance," sub-title "Insurance Department," said new section to follow immediately after Section 10 and to be known as Section 10A, authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to make 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 the emergency defined and limited therein, which rules and regulations shall have the force of law.

WHEREAS, a public emergency exists, by reason of the abnormal disruption of economic and financial processes which affects the conduct of the business of insurance in a normal and ordinary manner; and a large number of States have passed emergency legislation which directly