

affects the business of insurance in Maryland; and it is deemed necessary that similar legislation be enacted in Maryland in order to properly protect all business of insurance in Maryland, including insurers, policyholders, beneficiaries, obligees and all others interested therein, now therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 48A, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Insurance," sub-title "Insurance Department," to follow immediately after Section 10 to be known as Section 10A, and to read as follows:

10A. The Insurance Commissioner of this State shall have power to make, alter, amend 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 such emergency, which rules and regulations shall have the force of law and shall become inoperative when such emergency shall cease, and an order to that effect shall be made by said Commissioner, but in no event shall this Act be effective for more than two years from the date of its passage.

SEC. 2. This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed upon 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.

Approved March 28, 1933.

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#### CHAPTER 153.

AN ACT to authorize and empower every county, municipal or public corporation, special district and/or political sub-division of the State of Maryland, except the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which has heretofore