<u>WITH</u> A SENTENCE FOR ANY OFFENSE BASED UPON THE ACT OR ACTS ESTABLISHING THE ABUSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

CHAPTER 605

(House Bill 822)

AN ACT concerning

## Licensing - Title Companies Insurance Agents

FOR the purpose of establishing a system of regulation of title companies by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation; specifying certain exceptions to regulation by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Secretary to seek certain action by a certain court; providing certain licensing requirements, including: application for a license, term of a license, license renewal, license fees, revocation, suspension or denial of a license, execution of a surety bond, and penaltics; and generally relating to the regulation of title companies by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation.

FOR the purpose of requiring licensed certain title insurance agents to file a certain surety fidelity bond or letter of credit in a certain amount with the Insurance Commissioner for certain purposes; exempting certain persons; providing for the procedure for the filing of the surety fidelity bond or letter of credit; providing for a certain aggregate liability; prohibiting certain actions; providing for certain notices of cancellation of the bond and delineating the effect of a cancellation; defining a certain term; providing the Commissioner the power to issue certain restraining orders under certain circumstances; providing for certain penalties; authorizing the Commissioner to waive the bonding requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation and bonding of title insurance agents.

## BY adding to

Article 56 Licenses

Section 641 through 649, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Title Companies"

Annotated-Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: