

## CHAPTER 367.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 75 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process," sub-title "Pleadings," to follow section 22, and to be numbered Section 22 A, providing for suits against Fire Insurance Companies in localities where they have local agents.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be, and the same is hereby added to Article 75 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pleadings, Practice and Process," sub-title "Pleadings," to follow section 22, to be designated as section 22 A, and to read as follows: New section.

22 A. Whenever any fire insurance company shall have a duly accredited agent in any county or city of this State resident therein, in which any dwelling, barn, warehouse or other buildings, covered by insurance in such company, shall be destroyed or damaged by fire, and such insurance company shall neglect or refuse to pay the damages sustained by the owner thereof, such owner may bring suit against said company and prosecute the same in any court of competent jurisdiction as other suits are brought and prosecuted in the several courts of this State by having service served on such resident agent as fully as if service had been made on the director or directors of such company; and the judgment rendered in such case shall have the same force and effect as other judgments rendered by the said courts would or could have. Suits against fire insurance companies.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 4, 1896.

## CHAPTER 368.

AN ACT to provide for an additional Justice of the Peace for Worcester County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor shall be and he is hereby empowered to appoint an additional justice of the peace for the third election district of Worcester county, in addition to those already provided for by law, provided he shall, in his discretion, decide the same to be necessary. Additional justice.