

repeal and re-enact with amendments sub-section Second of Section 178 of said Article 23, sub-title "Insurance Department," and to add an additional Section to said Article 23, the same to follow immediately after Section 177 thereof, to be known as Section 177-A, and authorizing the Insurance Commissioner and the Deputy Insurance Commissioner to summon witnesses and administer oaths, and to require the production of books, policies and papers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 166 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Companies," and sub-section Second of Section 178 of said Article 23, sub-title "Insurance Department," be and the same hereby are, respectively, repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

166. All persons, individuals, firms, associations and corporations obtaining insurance on property situate in this State (owned by individuals or firms resident in this State, or corporations incorporated under the laws of this State), against fire, lightning or tornado, from companies, associations, firms or corporations not authorized to transact business in this State, shall file with the insurance commissioner of the State a statement or declaration setting forth the name of the company, number of policy, amount of insurance, rate, premium and description of property; shall be required to pay a tax thereon of five per cent of the premium paid on such policies to the said commissioner, and shall further pay a fee to said insurance commissioner of one dollar on each policy for making a record of the said statement or declaration, which record shall be kept for the private information of the insurance department of this State, and shall not be a public record.

Any insurance broker or brokers placing insurance on property situate in this State against fire, lightning or tornado, in companies, associations, firms or corporations not authorized to transact business in this State, shall, between the first and tenth days of each month, submit in writing to the Insurance Commissioner a true list of such policies of insurance so placed by him in the preceding month, together with a statement or declaration setting forth the information above required. Such information shall be kept for the private information of the Insurance Department, and shall not be a public record.

Upon the failure of any broker or brokers to so file the true list, statement and declaration herein specified, within the