

of whose statement is so published by him; and provided also, that any corporation, association, partnership or individual doing a life insurance business in this State on the co-operative or mortality assessment plan, shall not be subject to the provisions of sub-Sections second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth of Section 160 and of Section 186 of this Article, nor to any other provisions of this Article not applicable to the co-operative plan, but shall in all other respects comply with the provisions of this Article and any amendments thereto.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 377.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 261 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," and to add two additional Sections to said Article to follow Section 261, and to be known as Sections 261-A and 261-B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 261 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and two additional Sections are hereby added to said Article 16 to follow Section 261, and to be known as Sections 261-A and 261-B, said amended Section and new Sections to read as follows:

SEC. 261. The Court shall, on application of a party in interest, or may, of its own motion, order that instead of the mode of taking testimony as provided in the foregoing Sections, the testimony shall be taken orally in open Court before the judge or judges thereof in the same manner and under the same rules as testimony is now taken in actions at law, as to all or any of the facts or matters relevant in the cause or proceeding; and the evidence so taken shall be written down as delivered by the witnesses by such person and in such manner as the Court may have by order or general rule directed, and when so written down shall, with such documentary proof as shall have been with it offered and admitted, be filed as part of the proceedings.