

known as Section 201A of said Article, the said new and additional section relating to the valuation of the assets of life insurance companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new and additional Section be and the same is hereby added to Article 23, of the Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, (Legalized by Chapter 21, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912), title "Corporations" to come in immediately after Section 201, said new and additional Section to be known as Section 201A, and which said Section shall read as follows:

Section 201A. All bonds and other evidences of debt held by any Life Insurance Corporation authorized to do business in this State, may, if amply secured and not in default as to principal or interest, be valued for any and all purposes for which valuation may be made, or is required to be made, under the Laws of this State as follows:

If purchased at par, at the par value;

If purchased above or below par, on the basis of the purchase price adjusted so as to bring the value to par at maturity, and so as to yield meantime the effective rate of interest at which the purchase was made; *provided*, that the purchase price shall in no case be taken at a higher figure than the actual market value at the time of purchase; *and provided further*, that the Insurance Commissioner shall have full discretion in determining the method of calculating values according to the foregoing rule, and the values found by him in accordance with such method shall be final and binding; *provided also*, that any such corporation may return such bonds or other evidences of debt at their market value or their book value, but in no event, at an aggregate value exceeding the foregoing rule; *and provided further*, that all securities, except those having a fixed term and rate and not in default as to principal or interest, shall be valued according to the provisions of the laws of this State, or the established practice in this State existing at the time of the passage of this Act. But this Act shall not be construed to apply to any insurance corporation authorized to do business in this state, which shall not elect to value its bonds and other evidences of debt by Amortization as herein provided.