

ing penalties for violations of the insurance laws by such agents and solicitors and for the revocation of the licenses of agents, solicitors and brokers for cause.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland (legalized by Chapter 21 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1912), title "Corporations," subtitle "Insurance Department," be and the same is hereby amended by the repeal and re-enactment, with amendments of section 184 thereof and by adding thereto five new and additional sections to be designated and known, respectively, as Sections 184A, 184B, 184C, 184D and 184E, and to follow immediately after Section 184; said amended sections and said new sections to read as follows:

184. No person, firm or corporation shall act as agent or solicitor in this State for any insurance company, as defined in Section 192 of this Article, in any manner whatever relating to insurance risks until all the provisions of this Article relating thereto have been complied with, and there has been granted by the Insurance Commissioner, except in the case of companies chartered under the laws of this State, a certificate of authority or license, for which said company, or its agent doing a life insurance business, shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and all other such companies, or their agent, except those as may be chartered under the laws of this State, shall pay the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and all companies, or their agent, except such as may be chartered under the laws of this State, shall also pay to the Insurance Commissioner a tax on the amount of premiums contracted to be paid or actually collected, received, allowed or secured in this State, or from residents thereof, during the last license year, by or for said company, and without any deduction for expenses or endowments or dividends that may have been paid or allowed, or for any other cause whatsoever. Said tax shall be at the rate of two per centum on premiums on policies of such companies whose charters authorize them to write fire, marine or inland insurance, and at the rate of one and one-half per centum on premiums on policies of all other such companies, and which rates shall not be increased or diminished by reason of any greater or less rates being chargeable under the laws of any other State or Territory. A report of the premiums so collected as above must be made to the Insurance Commissioner