

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Section shall be effective from and after the first day of June, 1916.*

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 275.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 197 of 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," sub-title "Insurance Department," relating to fraudulent practices by agents, solicitors, physicians and other persons in relation to insurance and insurance companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 197 of 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Assembly of Maryland of 1912), title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:*

197. Any agent, collector, physician, assured or other person who shall make, present or cause to be presented to any company, association or organization, as defined or referred to in Section 192, Section 193 or Section 229 of this Article, any false, dishonest or fraudulent certificate or report of death, sickness or disability of any kind or nature, or any false, dishonest or fraudulent claim for any death, sick or disability benefit, or claim for payment to or against any such company; or any agent or collector who shall falsely represent or pretend to represent any such company, association or organization, or who shall collect or attempt to collect any premiums or monies or do any business of insurance without authority of the company, association or organization for which he pretends or claims to act, or who shall secure or obtain any cash or pecuniary advantages from any such company, association or organization by any false statement, or who shall fail to turn over when required to do so, or satisfactorily account for all collections for or on account of or property of any such company, association or organization shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to the penalties prescribed by Section 205 of this Article.