

payment life or endowment policy. The premium payment period is the period during which premiums are concurrently payable. The value of all policies which contain any promise or agreement for the purchase of the policy at any date, prior to its maturity or its termination by death for a sum in excess of the value of the policy at such date determined according to the standard of valuation herein prescribed for such policy, shall be calculated in such manner and upon such assumption as to rate of interest and mortality, that the value of the policy so calculated shall at no time be less than the amount stipulated therein, to be paid upon surrender of the policy at the date then attained, and for the purpose of such valuation the standard adopted by the company for the value of such obligation may, if adequate, be employed; and in the determinations of the values of the policies, the calculations may be made either seriatim or of the policies in groups, using approximate averages for fractions of the year; and in all certificates of valuations issued by the Insurance Commissioner or accepted by him under the provisions of sub-section third, the basis upon which the valuation has been made shall be expressed.

All policies of life insurance issued in this State shall contain a clause specifying the basis upon which the reserve is calculated; and every policy of life insurance issued in this State shall have legibly inscribed at the foot of the first page a brief description of the true nature of the policy. The legal minimum standard for the valuation of industrial policies issued subsequent to the thirty-first day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at three and one-half per centum per annum.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after the first day of June, 1920.

Approved April 9, 1920.

CHAPTER 201.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Maryland to appoint an Official Court Stenographer for said Circuit and to define his duties and