

posited with the Treasurer of Maryland or the Insurance Commissioner under the provisions of Sections 20 and 21 of this article, as a guarantee for the payment of the policies issued by said company. Any surplus that may be found to exist in the assets of such corporation over and above all its liabilities, including the legal reserve for all outstanding policies in force, as ascertained and certified by the Insurance Commissioner as hereinabove provided at the date of its reorganization as a stock company, shall be held as a fund for the security of the creditors of the company, and shall under no circumstances pass to the ownership of the stockholders, be distributed among them or be used or encroached upon for the payment of dividends upon the capital stock.

The mutual policies and all rights and liabilities attaching thereto, and all the powers and obligations of the company with reference to the same, shall survive so long as said policies shall remain in force, except that such policies shall thereafter be considered as policies for the largest amount which, according to their terms, might be payable thereunder in case the assessments provided for should yield a sufficient amount to pay the same, and if any certain number of assessments be specified upon said policies as payable by the holders thereof, the company shall not be entitled to levy any further assessments, even though such rights may have been previously reserved in the policy.

SEC. 97. *Companies Converted Prior to July 1, 1916.* Such mutual, cooperative or assessment industrial insurance companies, organized and doing business in this state prior to January 1, 1914, as actually converted, prior to July 1, 1916, in conformity with the law providing for the conversion of such companies, may have a paid-up capital less than fifty thousand dollars, but not less than ten thousand dollars; provided, that in no case shall the assets of any such company at any time be insufficient to provide full legal reserve upon all outstanding policies as required by law, over and above all bona fide debts and claims against it, exclusive of capital stock; and provided further, that no such company having a paid-up capital stock less than fifty thousand dollars shall issue any certificate or other form of contract for the payment of a greater sum of money in the aggregate than five hundred dollars upon the termination of any one life or combination of lives, or a sum