

CHAPTER 184.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 48A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Insurance," sub-title "General Provisions," said new section to follow immediately after Section 47, and to be known as Section 47A, prohibiting the publication, printing, or radio broadcasting of advertisements or notices of insurance companies not authorized to do business in this State, and requiring certificates from the Insurance Department before accepting insurance advertisements or broadcasting the same by radio, and fixing penalties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 48A, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Insurance," sub-title "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 47, to be known as Section 47A, and to read as follows:

47A. It shall be unlawful for any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation to publish or print in any newspaper, magazine, periodical, circular letter, pamphlet, or in any other manner, or to publish by radio broadcasting in this State, any advertisement or other notice, either directly or indirectly setting forth the advantages of or soliciting business for any insurance company which has not been authorized to do business in this State. No person, co-partnership, association or corporation shall accept for publication or printing in any newspaper, magazine or other periodical, or for radio broadcasting, in this State, any advertisement or other notice, either directly or indirectly setting forth the advantages of or soliciting business for any insurance company, unless such person, co-partnership, association or corporation shall hold an unexpired certificate from the Insurance Department, or such radio broadcasting includes a statement that the broadcasting station holds such certificate to the effect that the insurance company named therein is authorized to do business in this State for the current license year. Such certificates shall be issued by the Insurance Department without cost to any person applying therefor. Any person, co-partnership, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, for every such violation.