

CHAPTER 308.

(House Bill 28)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 29 of Article 48A of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as amended by Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1941, title "Insurance", sub-title "General Provisions", relating to deposits by insurance companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 29 of Article 48A of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as amended by Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1941, title "Insurance", sub-title "General Provisions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

29. CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY TO DOMESTIC COMPANIES. No company incorporated under the laws of this State shall, directly or indirectly, begin the transaction of any business of insurance until the Insurance Commissioner shall have ascertained from the best source of information at his command, and by such investigation as he may deem necessary, and shall be satisfied that the character, responsibility and general fitness of the persons, named as officers and directors of said company, are such as to command confidence and warrant belief that the business of the company will be honestly and efficiently conducted in accordance with the intent and purposes of this Article, and that the public interest will not be jeopardized by admitting said company to engage in business in this State and until, (a) there shall have been filed with the Commissioner a duly certified copy of its charter; (b) it shall have made the deposit of cash or securities required by this Article, according to the class of business to be transacted, and a certificate of said deposit from the Treasurer of this State filed with the Commissioner; (c) the officers or incorporators of such corporation shall have filed a certified statement under oath showing whether or not the capital required by the Company and authorized by its charter according to the nature of the business proposed to be transacted by it, has been paid in cash and is held by the Board of Directors subject to their actual control in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the said corporation, or has been invested by them in securities authorized by this Article; (d) the officers or incorporators shall have certified under oath that the capital exhibited to the Commissioner is bona fide property of the corporation; (e) the statement and condition of said corporation shall have been examined by an examiner or examiners appointed by the Commissioner and a report of the examination filed with the afore-