

CHAPTER 462

(Senate Bill 346)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 17 and 18 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "Corporate Insurance," relating to the providing of workmen's compensation insurance by corporations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 17 and 18 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "Corporate Insurance," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

17. Every policy for the insurance of the compensation herein provided for, or against liability therefor, shall be deemed to be made subject to the provisions of this Article. No company or association shall enter into any such policy of insurance until such company or association shall first obtain from the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland a license of authority for the purpose, and until the form of such policy shall have been approved by the State Industrial Accident Commission. The said Insurance Commissioner shall have full power and authority from time to time to determine the adequacy of its or their premium rates for carrying compensation insurance as provided in this law; and said Insurance Commissioner shall have full power and authority to require said insurance companies to establish and maintain adequate rates to cover respective risks to which their policies are applicable under the provisions of this Article. Any insurance company desiring to do compensation insurance in this State, or any employer carrying his own insurance, shall be required to keep and maintain a local office in charge of a competent person who shall handle all the compensation work for said insurance company or self-insurer. Any person, firm, corporation, insurance company, association and self-insurer violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, for each offense, and upon conviction thereof the Insurance Commissioner may revoke the license of authority for doing business in this State of such person, corporation, firm, insurance company and association and the State Industrial Accident Commission may prohibit such self-insurer from carrying its own insurance.