

domicile have become liens upon specific assets by reason of judicial process.

(13) "Receiver" means receiver, liquidator, rehabilitator or conservator as the context may require.

133. Jurisdiction of Delinquency Proceedings—Venue—Exclusiveness of Remedy—Appeal.

(1) The Circuit Courts of the counties and the Circuit Court of Baltimore City are vested in equity with exclusive original jurisdiction of delinquency proceedings under this subtitle, and are authorized to make all necessary and proper orders to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

(2) The venue of delinquency proceedings against a domestic insurer shall be in the county of the insurer's principal place of business. The venue of such proceedings against foreign and alien insurers shall be in Baltimore City.

(3) Delinquency proceedings pursuant to this subtitle shall constitute the sole and exclusive method of liquidating, rehabilitating, reorganizing or conserving an insurer, and no court shall entertain a petition for the commencement of such proceedings unless the same has been filed in the name of the state at the instance of the Commissioner.

(4) An appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeals of Maryland from an order granting or refusing rehabilitation, liquidation, or conservation, and from every other order in delinquency proceedings having the character of a final order as to the particular portion of the proceedings embraced therein.

134. Commencement of Delinquency Proceedings.

The Commissioner shall commence any such proceedings by application to the court for an order directing the insurer to show cause why the relief prayed for should not be granted. After a full hearing pursuant to the terms of such show cause order, the court shall either deny the application or grant the application, together with such other relief as the nature of the case and the interests of the policyholders, creditors, stockholders, members, subscribers or the public may require.

135. Injunctions.

(1) Upon application by the Commissioner for such an order to show cause, or at any time thereafter, the Court may without notice issue an injunction restraining the insurer, its officers, directors, stockholders, members, subscribers, agents and all other persons from the transaction of its business or the waste or disposition of its property until the further order of the Court.

(2) The Court may at any time during a proceeding under this subtitle issue such injunctions or orders as may be deemed necessary to prevent interference with the Commissioner or the proceeding, or waste of the assets of the insurer, or the commencement or prosecution of any actions, or the obtaining of preferences, judgments, attachments or other liens, or the making of any levy against the insurer or against its assets or any part thereof.