

in the business of burial insurance shall be subject to and shall comply with all of the provisions of this article concerning the organization, qualification and conduct of life insurers. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict the definitions of life insurance or life insurer under Sections 63 and 64.

489. Commissioner Designated Fire Marshal.

The Commissioner shall, in addition to the duties imposed upon him by this article, be and he is hereby designated ex officio Fire Marshal.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That

(a) The expiration dates of certificates of authority and licenses in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, and lawfully existing under any law repealed by this Act, are extended until the first renewal or expiration date provided by this Act. Such certificates of authority and licenses, upon first renewal made under this article, shall be replaced by certificates of authority or licenses in form as provided by this article, and shall thereafter be subject to continuation, suspension, revocation or termination as though originally issued under this article; and that

(b) Brokers' licenses renewed on May 1, 1964 or originally issued between May 1, 1964 and November 1, 1964, shall expire on November 1, 1965. The fee for the extended brokers' licenses shall be 150 percent of the fee provided by this article. Brokers' bonds in the amount of \$5,000.00 shall be in such form as to remain in force from the date of issuance of the license until November 1, 1965.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That every form of insurance document and every rate or other filing lawfully in use immediately prior to the effective date of this Act may continue to be so used or be effective until the Commissioner otherwise prescribes pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the present Commissioner is continued in office for the term he is now serving, and is responsible for executing the duties of the office in accordance with this Act. The Deputy Commissioner and other personnel of the Department are continued with respect to their particular appointments until changed in accordance with this article or other appropriate laws; and nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to require the discharge or reduction in grade of any person so employed at the effective date of the Act.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, with respect to any insurer lawfully authorized to engage in the insurance business in Maryland immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, this article requires a greater amount of capital, or surplus, or deposit than required of such insurer immediately prior to such effective date, such insurer shall have until December 31, 1966 within which to comply with any such increased requirement. NO GREATER AMOUNT OF CAPITAL, OR SURPLUS, OR DEPOSIT SHALL BE REQUIRED OF ANY SUCH INSURER. SUCH INSURER SHALL HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1968, TO COMPLY WITH 50% OF ANY SUCH INCREASED REQUIREMENT AND SHALL