

pursuant to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to carry out the intent and purpose of this subtitle including but not limited to prescribing the maximum and minimum premium or compensation for becoming surety on bail bonds in criminal cases.

3A-18.

All persons engaged in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases shall on June 1, 1963, and on June 1 of each succeeding year submit a report, under oath, to the Board showing the total amount of bonds outstanding together with total assets. The making of a full statement under oath in the annual financial report required by the Board to be made pursuant to this Chapter shall constitute a violation of this Chapter. The Board may upon consideration of the financial ability of the persons required to make a report prohibit any person from further engaging in such business in the county.

3A-19.

Any person, firm or corporation aggrieved by the action of the Board in refusing to issue a license or in suspending or revoking a license may appeal to the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County where the case shall be heard de novo, and shall have a further right of appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland under the procedure generally applicable to appeals to that Court.

3A-20.

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed or applied to require the licensing of a motor vehicle liability insurance company or carrier or of a bona fide and recognized automobile club or association, which may secure or advise as to a bond for one of its customers or members as an incidental part of its main functions nor of any insurance company, or agent therefor, authorized by the State Insurance Department of Maryland and which has capital stock of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) and approved assets of at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in excess of its capital stock, reserves and all other liabilities. Any provisions of this subtitle (other than the licensing provisions) which define criminal offenses or impose criminal penalties are effective without exception as to any such company, carrier, club, association or agent.

3A-21.

Any person violating any provision of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment of not more than two years, or both; and if the person so convicted be a bondsman, or the agent, clerk or representative of a bondsman, he shall be disqualified from thereafter engaging in any manner in the bonding business for such a period of time as the Board shall order.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are authorized to provide out of the general funds of the county or any general fund surplus such amounts as may be necessary to the proper administration of this Act prior to the adoption of the next annual county budget.*