

20. Commissioner's Seal.

The Commissioner shall have a seal of office in such form as is approved by the Governor, and the impression and description of the seal shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

21. Records.

The Commissioner shall enter in permanent form records of his official transactions, examinations, investigations, and proceedings. Such records and insurance filings in his office shall be open to public inspection, except as otherwise provided in this article with respect to particular records or filings.

22. Certificates as Evidence.

(1) Copies of records or documents in his office certified to by the Commissioner shall be received in evidence in all courts as if they were the originals.

(2) The Commissioner shall furnish, when requested, his certificate under seal as to the authority of any person to transact insurance business, and such certificate shall be evidence of the facts set forth therein.

23. Commissioner's Annual Report.

As early in the calendar year as is reasonably possible the Commissioner shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly, showing, with respect to the preceding calendar year:

(1) List of the authorized insurers transacting insurance business in Maryland, with such summary of their financial statement as he deems appropriate;

(2) Names of all insurers whose business was closed during the year, the cause thereof, and amount of assets and liabilities as ascertainable;

(3) Names of insurers against which delinquency or similar proceedings were instituted, and a concise statement of the facts with respect to each such proceeding and the status thereof;

(4) A statement of fees and taxes received and paid by him into the State Treasury; **FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR;**

(5) Recommendations of the Commissioner as to amendments or supplementation of laws affecting insurance, and as to matters affecting the Department; and

(6) Such other pertinent information and matters as the Commissioner deems proper.

24. General Powers, Duties.

(1) The Commissioner shall enforce the provisions of this article, and shall execute the duties imposed upon him by this article.

(2) The Commissioner shall have the powers and authority expressly conferred upon him by or reasonably implied from the provisions of this article.