

on insurance contracts and which contains an assignment of or is otherwise secured by the unearned premium or refund obtainable from the insurer upon cancellation of the insurance contract. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, ANY INSURANCE PREMIUM FINANCED IN CONNECTION WITH A TIME SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES OR AN EXTENSION OF CREDIT WITHOUT CHARGE BY AN AGENT OR BROKER SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT.

(b) A premium finance company is any person who engages in the business of entering into or accepting premium finance agreements.

#### 486B.

(a) Every premium finance company shall register as such with the Commissioner prior to engaging in business in this state as a premium finance company. Registration forms shall be of such design and content as is prescribed by the Commissioner and may require disclosure of the identity, trade names, and the names of officers, managers, owners and directors. The commissioner shall also require and designate forms for reporting changes in officers, directors, owners, trade names, and business addresses. The registration shall continue in effect and shall automatically be renewed upon receipt by the Commissioner of the annual registration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) on or before the first day of July of each year.

(b) Every premium finance company shall maintain records of its premium finance transactions and the said records shall be open to examination by the Commissioner.

(c) No bank, savings bank, trust company, savings and loan association, credit union, industrial finance company, small loan company or other such organization which is regulated pursuant to the laws of this state or the United States NOR ANY INSURANCE COMPANY LICENSED IN MARYLAND WHICH DOES NOT ENGAGE IN THE INSURANCE FINANCING BUSINESS shall be subject to the provisions of this subtitle nor shall such organization be required to register or pay the fee ~~thereof~~. THEREFOR.

(d) ~~Insurance~~ INSURERS, agents and brokers who engage in the business of financing insurance premiums shall register with the Commissioner as provided herein. ~~but shall not be required to pay the ten dollar (\$10.00) annual registration fee.~~

#### 486C.

(a) No person may, unless otherwise authorized by law, charge, take, receive from, reserve, or impose on an insured or prospective insured any other or greater charges than are permitted by this subtitle.

(b) The maximum rates or charges set forth in Section 486D (hereinafter called service charges) shall be inclusive of all interest, fees and charges incident to the premium finance agreement and for the extension of credit provided thereby. Provided, however, that delinquency, collection and cancellation charges may be made in accordance with limitations of Section 486E.

#### 486D.

(a) The service charge shall be computed on the balance of premiums due, after subtracting any down payment made by the insured,