SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 726

(Senate Bill 526)

AN ACT to add new sub-section (d) to Section 136 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Insurance Taxes", to follow immediately after sub-section (c) of said section, providing for alternative methods of reporting for premium tax purposes certain Deposit Administration Annuity considerations received by life insurers.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new sub-section (d) be and it is hereby added to Section 136 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Insurance Taxes", to follow immediately after Section 136 (c) thereof, and to read as follows:

136.

- (d) Funds accepted by a life insurer under a group contract which provides for an accumulation of funds to purchase annuities at future dates may be considered as "gross premiums written" either upon receipt or upon the actual application of such funds to the purchase of annuities. However, any interest credited to funds accumulated while under the latter alternative shall also be included in "gross premiums written", and any funds taxed upon receipt, including any interest later credited thereto, shall not be subject to taxation upon the purchase of annuities. Each life insurer shall signify on its premium tax return covering premiums for the calendar year 1964 its election between such two alternatives. Thereafter an insurer shall not change such election without the consent of the Commissioner. Any such funds taxed as "gross premiums" shall, in the event of withdrawal of the funds before their actual application to the purchase of annuities, be eligible to be included as "returned premiums" if eligible therefor under the provisions of sub-section (b) of this section.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1965.