

*any person who performs on a contractual basis, or any person who is covered by a retirement plan for employees presently in effect in Howard County.*

*Nothing herein contained shall have the effect of limiting the power of said Board of County Commissioners to discharge any County employee.*

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 ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all 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 March 30, 1965.

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CHAPTER 191

(Senate Bill 247)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26(1) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code", sub-title "2. Insurance Department and Insurance Commissioner", to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations as to proxies, consents and authorizations with respect to equity securities of domestic stock insurers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 26(1) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code", sub-title "2. Insurance Department and Insurance Commissioner", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

26.

(1) The Commissioner may make reasonable rules and regulations necessary for or as an aid to effectuation of any provision of this article. No such rule or regulation shall extend, modify, or conflict with any provision of this article or the reasonable implications thereof. *The Commissioner may also promulgate reasonable rules and regulations applicable to the solicitation by domestic stock insurers OR ANY OTHER PERSON of proxies, consents and authorizations with respect to equity securities of such insurers.* Prior to the adoption of any rule or regulation, or the amendment or repeal thereof, the Commissioner shall publish or otherwise circulate notice of the nature and purpose of his intended action and afford interested persons opportunity to submit data or views orally or in writing.

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