

ten days, unless the board shall grant further stay upon application of the person filing the appeal.

255J. Failure to comply with any provision of this subtitle shall constitute a misdemeanor, and any person, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or sentenced to not more than thirty days in jail or both. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition thereto, the County may institute injunction, mandamus or any other appropriate action or proceeding at law or equity for the enforcement of this subtitle or to correct violations of this subtitle, and any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions, or mandamus or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief.

255K. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this subtitle be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this subtitle in its entirety or of any part thereof other than that so declared to be invalid.

255L. Any provisions in the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County which are or may be ~~inconsistent~~ INCONSISTENT with this subtitle are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect ~~June 1, 1966.~~ JANUARY 1, 1967.

Approved April 29, 1966.

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CHAPTER 215

(Senate Bill 463)

AN ACT to add a new Section 384A to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance", subtitle "22. Insurance Contracts Generally", to follow immediately after Section 384 thereof, to provide in the insurance laws that settlements of property damage claims may be made by automobile liability insurers without admission of liability as to other claims arising out of the same accident or event and providing that the claimant shall not be precluded from action on bodily injury or other claims not within the scope of the settlement.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 384A be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance", subtitle "22. Insurance Contracts Generally", to follow immediately after Section 384 thereof, and to read as follows:

384A. *No settlement made under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy of a claim against any insured thereunder arising from any accident or other event insured against for damage to or destruction of property owned by another person shall be construed as an admission of liability by the insured, or the insurer's recogni-*