

in his discretion, so as best to subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharge to said parties and their sureties upon the payment into the treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in settlement as aforesaid; the Comptroller shall be satisfied after thorough examination into the claims that the same could not be collected by the State by legal process [and further, that the Governor and Treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing any such abatement before the same shall be effective and provided further that no discharge or quittance under this section shall be effective unless the party or parties to be benefited shall first pay the attorneys who shall have the case in hand the legal fees and fees of clerks and sheriffs]. *Whenever any claim of the State shall be compromised or settled by the Comptroller, without payment in full, after determination that the same could not be collected by legal process, he shall make and keep among the records of his office a statement of the evidence or facts upon which such settlement was made.*

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

Approved April 21, 1967.

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#### CHAPTER 452

(Senate Bill 242)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 154 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance", subtitle "Rehabilitation and Liquidation", to clarify the exemption of the Commissioner from the payment of fees to public officers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 154 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance", subtitle "Rehabilitation and Liquidation", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

154.

The Commissioner shall not be required to pay any fee to any public officer in this State for filing, recording, issuing a transcript or certificate or authenticating any paper or instrument pertaining to the exercise by the Commissioner of any of the powers or duties conferred upon him under this subtitle, whether or not such paper or instrument be executed by the Commissioner or his deputies, employees or attorneys of record and whether or not it is connected with the commencement of any action or proceeding by or against the Commissioner, or with the subsequent conduct of such action or proceeding.

*Nothing herein contained, however, shall be taken to relieve the Commissioner or his deputy, acting as receiver, ancillary receiver, conservator, etc. pursuant to the terms of this subtitle, from the*