

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 177(2) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Agents and Brokers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(2) The Commissioner shall require such applicant to satisfactorily pass a written examination relating to the specific kind or kinds of insurance for which he desires to be licensed, for the purpose of determining his competence with regard thereto. Such examination shall be given by the Commissioner at least once every thirty days at such times and places as the Commissioner may determine. The applicant shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of [five dollars (\$5.00), which shall entitle the said applicant to two such examinations, in addition to the first, should the applicant require the same, provided that any additional examination after the first shall be taken within a period of one year from the date the application was filed.] *ten dollars (\$10) for each examination.* An applicant failing to attain a passing grade after three trials shall be required to wait six months from the date of his last previous trial before applying again, and failing to pass after six times, shall be required to wait one year from the date of his last previous trial before applying again. [An additional fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be required for each group of three trials.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 292

(House Bill 732)

AN ACT to add new Sections 344A through 344G, inclusive, to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Fraternal Benefit Societies," to follow immediately after Section 344 thereof, providing generally for the licensing of agents of fraternal benefit societies, the definition of such an insurance agent, the license requirement, the prohibition against payment of commissions to unlicensed agents, the prerequisites for issuance and renewal of license, the termination of appointment of agent, and the revocation or suspension of an agent's license, and other matters incident thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 344A through 344G, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Fraternal Benefit Societies," to follow immediately after Section 344 thereof and to read as follows: