

other liabilities in an amount at least equal to that required under either (1) Sections 48 and 49 if the insurer is to be authorized to do business on a non-assessable basis, or (2) Section 253 if the insurer is to be authorized to do business on an assessable basis.

(b) No insurer commencing business in this State on or after July 1, 1968, shall issue policies of vehicle liability insurance on an assessable basis. Insurers writing assessable vehicle liability policies on July 1, 1968, shall cease issuing such policies after December 31, 1969.

(c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, any domestic mutual insurer writing assessable policies which is licensed only for property insurance and casualty insurance other than motor vehicle physical damage insurance, motor vehicle liability insurance, or workmen's compensation, shall not be required to have any greater amount of assets or surplus than it would be required to have if it wrote only one kind of insurance, if such insurer (1) restricts its operations to the county where its principal office is located and to the counties in this State which are immediately adjacent thereto, and is not licensed in any other State, (2) has been in existence for at least twenty years prior to July 1, 1968, and (3) maintains an automatic reinsurance treaty filed with and approved by the Commissioner reinsuring liability coverages issued by it in excess of a net amount of retention satisfactory to the Commissioner.

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(e) Such an insurer shall have collected an annual cash premium, or a full premium for the term for which the policy is written, if for less than a year upon each application required for organization, the total of which premiums shall be held in cash or in investments authorized for capital and reserve under subtitle 7, and the total assets, excluding any borrowed money or other borrowed assets, other than borrowed surplus under Section 266 shall, for each kind [all the kinds] of insurance business specified in Section 48 of subtitle 3 of this article, (except as prohibited under Sections 252 and 369) be not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and shall exceed the amount required for reserves and all other liabilities by not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000).

(f) To qualify for authority to engage in two or more of the kinds of insurance business permitted to be written on an assessable basis under this Article, the assets of a mutual insurer writing assessable policies shall be not less than five hundred thousand (\$500,000) and shall exceed the amount required for reserves and all other liabilities by not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed or applied to affect in any manner the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 553 of the Acts of 1963.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.