

the Board] to settle all claims set forth in the complaint in said action and stating the amount proposed to be paid to him pursuant thereto. If the court [be] is satisfied of the fairness of such proposed settlement, it IN THE ACTION AND STATING THE AMOUNT PROPOSED TO BE PAID TO HIM PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE COURT may enter an order approving such settlement and enter a judgment against the Board for the amounts so agreed. to be paid thereunder.

[(b) In an action brought against the Board pursuant to an order by the court entered in accordance with the provisions of Section 167, the insurer to whom such action has been assigned may settle without court approval any claim involving payment of \$5,000 or less with approval of the chief administrative employee of the Board and any member of the Board satisfied that the claimant has complied with the requirements of Section 167.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 28, 1970

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CHAPTER 491  
(House Bill 933)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 156A of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund," to clarify the ten-day limit on post judgment procedures for certain judgments entered pursuant to the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 156A of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

156A.

As soon as practicable after assignment of any claim or action to an insurer for investigation and defense, and if the Board finds that the defendant was negligent and that his negligence was the proximate cause of the accident from which the action arises, the Board shall negotiate with the plaintiff to obtain an offer of settlement of the claim or action. If the Board finds that the plaintiff's offer is reasonable, it shall submit the offer to the defendant for acceptance or rejection. If defendant accepts the offer, the plaintiff shall proceed to settlement as provided in Section 161 herein. If defendant rejects the offer, the Board shall cause a notice to be served upon the defendant sent by registered mail to his last known address which shall state: (1) That the insurer to which the claim or action was assigned for defense shall withdraw from the claim or action without further notice at the expiration of thirty days from the date of the