

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 194 (d) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code", subtitle "Surplus Lines" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows :

194.

(d) This section does not apply to reinsurance or insurance of risks referred to in Section 199, nor to insurance of risks of the State government or any of its political subdivisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 427

(Senate Bill 555)

AN ACT to add new Sections 159 to 170, inclusive, to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Courts," to follow immediately after Section 158 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act," authorizing the Court of Appeals of Maryland to answer questions of law certified to it by certain Federal Courts, providing generally for the procedure for the handling and determination of these certifications, establishing also a procedure whereby the Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals may seek a certification of a question of law from the highest court of another State and relating generally to the certification of law to and from certain Courts of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 159 to 170, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Courts," to follow immediately after Section 158 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act," and all to read as follows:

159.

*The Court of Appeals may answer questions of law certified to it by the Supreme Court of the United States, a Court of Appeals of the United States, or a United States District Court when requested by the certifying court if there is involved in any proceeding before it a question of law of this State which may be determinative of the cause then pending in the certifying court and as to which it appears to the certifying court there is no controlling precedent in the decisions of the Court of Appeals of this State.*