

Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

436C.

(c) (1) "Credit life insurance" means insurance on the life of a debtor pursuant to or in connection with a specific loan or other credit transaction.

(2) "Credit health insurance" means insurance on a debtor to provide indemnity for payments becoming due on a specific loan or other credit transaction while the debtor is disabled as defined in the policy.

(3) "Creditor" means the lender of money or vendor or lessor of goods, services, or property rights or privileges, for which payment is arranged through a credit transaction, or any successor to the right, title or interest of the lender, vendor, or lessor and an affiliate, associate or subsidiary of any of them or any director, officer or employee of any of them or any other person in any way associated with any of them.

(4) "Debtor" means a borrower of money or a purchaser or lessee of goods, services, property, rights or privileges for which payment is arranged through a credit transaction. [The term "debtor" shall include both husband and wife where they are jointly liable under the contract of indebtedness.] WHERE A HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE JOINTLY LIABLE UNDER A CONTRACT OF INDEBTEDNESS, THE TERM "DEBTOR" SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) HUSBAND[;] OR

(II) WIFE[;] OR

(III) BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE AS EACH MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

A CREDITOR MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE BE INSURED EXCEPT AT THE ELECTION OF THE DEBTOR WHICH ELECTION MUST BE EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE DEBTOR.

(5) "Indebtedness" means the total amount payable by a debtor to a creditor in connection with a loan or other credit transaction.