CHAPTER 775

(House Bill 1206)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Nationwide Intercompany Arbitration Agreement

FOR the purpose of requiring all automobile <u>liability</u> or physical damage insurers doing business in the State to become members of the Nationwide Intercompany Arbitration Agreement sponsored by the Committee on Insurance Arbitration, and to arbitrate and [[pay]] settle all claims for automobile physical damage between the insurers in accordance with the Agreement.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 547 Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 547 be and it is hereby added to Article 48A — Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

547.

EVERY AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY OR PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURER DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF NATIONWIDE INTERCOMPANY ARBITRATION AGREEMENT SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE ARBITRATION. INSURERS SHALL ARBITRATE AND [[PAY]] SETTLE ALL CLAIMS MADE FOR AUTONOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE BETWEEN THESE INSURERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE NATIONWIDE INTERCOMPANY ARBITRATION AGREEMENT AS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS, AND RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.