

(2) PLEDGE COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE DEPOSITS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(3) ACCEPT DEPOSITS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THE TERMS REQUIRED BY THE DEPOSITOR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

CHAPTER 273

(Senate Bill 869)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Life Annuity Contracts - Rates for Blind People

FOR the purpose of preventing certain insurers from asking or permitting differentials in ratings, premium payments or dividends because of blindness unless there is actuarial justification for the differential.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
 Section 223(a), (b) and 234A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

223.

(a) (1) No person shall make or permit any unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life in the rates charged for any contract of life insurance or of life annuity or in the dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other of the terms and conditions of such contract.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THIS SECTION, AN INSURER MAY NOT MAKE OR PERMIT ANY DIFFERENTIAL IN RATINGS, PREMIUM PAYMENTS OR DIVIDENDS FOR ANY REASON BASED ON THE BLINDNESS OF AN APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER UNLESS THERE IS ACTUARIAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DIFFERENTIAL.