

242B.

(2) All orders or decisions of the Commissioner shall be subject to review by appeal to the CIRCUIT COURT FOR Baltimore City [Court]. Such an appeal shall be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 30 days after the rendition of such order or decision with such court and a copy of it similarly filed with the Commissioner. If not so commenced, the right to appeal shall no longer exist. The Commissioner shall be made a party to every such appeal.

Upon filing of a copy of the notice of appeal with the Commissioner he shall prepare or cause to be prepared an official record, which may be in typewritten form, certified by him, which shall contain a copy of all proceedings, the findings and order of the Commissioner, and transcript of any testimony and exhibits or records thereof. If no hearing was held by the Commissioner, on the matter which is the subject of appeal, the Commissioner shall in like manner prepare and certify a transcript of the files in his office pertaining to such matter. Within 30 days after the copy of notice of appeal was filed with the Commissioner he shall file the official record with the court in which the appeal is pending.

When any ruling, order or decision of the Commissioner relates to an increase or decrease of premiums or rate or to a change in any rating system, the filing of the notice of appeal, pending the final determination of the issue, shall act as a stay of any such ruling, order or decision, except where such ruling, order or decision approves or permits a filing of an insurer or rating organization.

The CIRCUIT COURT FOR Baltimore City [Court] shall hear and decide the appeal within 60 days after the date of the filing of the notice of appeal, and shall affirm, reverse or modify the Commissioner's order or decision appealed from.

If the CIRCUIT COURT FOR Baltimore City [Court] finds that the Commissioner's order or decision is not supported by the preponderance of the evidence on consideration of the record as a whole, or is not in accordance with law, the court shall reverse or modify the Commissioner's order or decision in whole or in part.

An appeal to the Court of Special Appeals may be taken from the decision of the CIRCUIT COURT FOR Baltimore City [Court] as in other civil cases. The Commissioner shall be made a party to every appeal of this nature.

Article 49B - Human Relations Commission

4.