

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yeas and nays vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 471

(House Bill 1029)

AN ACT concerning

Fire Insurance Application Act

FOR the purpose of requiring an antiarson application to be used for commercial monoline fire policies, certain designated occupancies, and certain areas of the State, and requiring under certain circumstances, in using an antiarson application form, that an applicant provide in a supplementary application certain information regarding property loss due to fire and information concerning certain fire, safety, health, building, or construction code violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 576(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

576.

(b) An antiarson application [may] SHALL be used for commercial monoline fire policies, designated occupancies, and designated areas of the State, based upon a finding by the Insurance Commissioner, after a public hearing, that these commercial monoline fire policies, designated occupancies, and areas of the State have an abnormally high incidence of arson. However, the Insurance Commissioner may extend the application of this subtitle to other than commercial monoline fire policies, if he finds, after public hearing, that the properties insured