

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 349

(House Bill 739)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Improper Premiums and Charges - Bail Bonds - Civil Penalty

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain ~~civil~~ penalty for collecting a certain improper premium or charge for insurance with regard to a bail bond; and generally relating to improper premiums and charges for insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 27-216(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 27-216(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

27-216.

(b) (1) A person may not willfully collect a premium or charge for insurance that:

(i) exceeds or is less than the premium or charge applicable to that insurance under the applicable classifications and rates as filed with and approved by the Commissioner; or

(ii) if classifications, premiums, or rates are not required by this article to be filed with and approved by the Commissioner, exceeds or is less than the premium or charge specified in the policy and set by the insurer.

(F) IN ADDITION TO ANY ~~CIVIL PENALTY OTHER SANCTION~~ OTHERWISE APPLICABLE, A PERSON THAT VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION WITH REGARD TO A BAIL BOND IS SUBJECT TO A ~~CIVIL~~ PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION.