

**CHAPTER 564**

**(House Bill 245)**

AN ACT concerning

**Insurance - Prior Approval Rating Law - Exempt Commercial Policyholders**

FOR the purpose of altering the annual property and casualty insurance premium dollar amount threshold above which certain insurance policy forms and endorsements issued to certain commercial policyholders are exempt from certain form filing requirements under prior approval insurance rating law; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to prior approval insurance rating law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Insurance  
Section 11-206(j)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 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**

11-206.

(j) (1) In this subsection, "exempt commercial policyholder" means a person that:

(i) pays annual aggregate property and casualty premiums for commercial insurance policies issued in the State during the current or preceding calendar year of ~~[\$75,000]~~ \$25,000 or more; and

(ii) meets any two of the following criteria:

1. generates annual revenues or sales in excess of \$10,000,000;
2. possesses a net worth in excess of \$5,000,000;
3. employs at least 25 full-time employees;
4. is a nonprofit organization or public body with an annual budget of at least \$10,000,000; or
5. is a municipal corporation with a population of at least 15,000.

(2) The filing requirements of this section do not apply to policy forms and endorsements and to modifications of policy forms and endorsements issued to an exempt commercial policyholder.