

adjuster, or adviser obtain a certificate of authority or [license] QUALIFICATION to transact an insurance business in such county or city; and no county or city shall levy any occupational tax or fee for transacting any such business. This section shall not be construed so as to preempt or prevent the taxation and regulation of persons engaged in the bail bond business other than corporate sureties and their agents who are required to qualify and be licensed by the provisions of this article.

40.

(1) An appeal from the Commissioner shall be taken only from an order or hearing or with respect to a matter which the Commissioner has refused a hearing. Any person who was a party to such hearing, or whose pecuniary interests are directly and immediately affected by any such order or refusal and who is aggrieved thereby may, within 30 days after (i) the order has been mailed or delivered to the persons entitled to receive it, or (ii) the Commissioner's order denying rehearing or reargument has been so mailed or delivered, or (iii) the Commissioner's refusal to grant a hearing, appeal from such order or hearing or such refusal of a hearing. The appeal shall be taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, by filing written notice of appeal in such court and by filing a copy of such notice with the Commissioner. However, in appeals from the suspension or revocation of the certificate of authority of a domestic insurer or of the [license] CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION of an agent[,] OR broker, [solicitor,] OR THE LICENSE OF A PUBLIC adjuster, or adviser, the person taking the appeal at his option, in lieu of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, may take the appeal to the circuit court of the county of Maryland in which the insurer has its principal place of business or the licensee resides. An appeal taken pursuant to this subsection shall be captioned in the name of the person filing the appeal, as the party appellant, versus the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Maryland, as the party appellee. In all such appeals, the Commissioner shall be a necessary party appellee. In addition to the person filing the appeal and the Commissioner, any other person whose pecuniary interests are or may be directly and immediately affected by the matter on appeal, or who may be aggrieved thereby, upon application to the court, may be deemed an additional party appellant or appellee, as the court directs.

41.

The commissioner shall collect in advance, and the persons so served shall pay the following fees to the Commissioner:

(5) [Agent's license:

(i) Appointment of agent, each insurer . \$ 5.00

(ii) Annual continuance or renewal of
license \$ 2.00