

**CHAPTER 372**

**(House Bill 663)**

AN ACT concerning

**Insurers – Fee for Service of Process – Reimbursement**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to award reimbursement to a prevailing plaintiff against a defendant for a certain service of legal process fee in cases against certain insurers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the reimbursement of service of legal process fees in cases against insurers.

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 41B and 205(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article 48A – Insurance Code**

41B.

A COURT MAY AWARD REIMBURSEMENT TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF AGAINST A DEFENDANT FOR A SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS FEE IMPOSED UNDER § 41(21) OF THIS SUBTITLE IN ANY CASE AGAINST AN INSURER OR SURPLUS LINE BROKER.

205.

(G) A COURT MAY AWARD REIMBURSEMENT TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF AGAINST A DEFENDANT FOR A SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS FEE IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN ANY CASE AGAINST AN UNAUTHORIZED INSURER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

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