

and effect of requiring an oath or affirmation. Therefore, an individual who makes an affidavit under this article is subject to the penalties for perjury if the affidavit is false, even if the individual does not appear and make oath before an individual authorized to administer oaths.

This section is patterned after the essential elements of Md. Rule 1-202(b), which defines "affidavit", and Md. Rules 1-303 and 1-304, which prescribe the form of oaths and affidavits. This provision does away with any required notarization.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO SUBTITLE:

Former Art. 48A, § 13, which provided for severability of provisions of former Art. 48A, is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art. 1, § 23 of the Code.

TITLE 2. MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.

SUBTITLE 1. ORGANIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

2-101. INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.

(A) ESTABLISHED; INDEPENDENT AGENCY.

(1) THERE IS A MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

(B) COMMISSIONER AS HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION.

THE HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

(C) CONTROL AND SUPERVISION BY COMMISSIONER.

THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONTROL AND SUPERVISE THE ADMINISTRATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 48A, § 14(b) and (c).

As to the substitution of the term "unit" for the former term "agency" in subsection (a)(2) of this section, see the General Revisor's Note to this article.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Administration" § 1-101

"Commissioner" § 1-101

"Insurance" § 1-101