

CHAPTER 232

(Senate Bill 168)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Premium Finance Companies – Examinations and Registration Fees

FOR the purpose of subjecting premium finance companies to examination in the same manner as insurers; providing for the maintenance of certain records; requiring certain reports; requiring premium finance companies to pay the expense of the examinations; modifying certain registration fees for premium finance companies; and generally relating to the examination of premium finance companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 33, 34, and 486B

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance

33.

The expense incurred in any examination made pursuant to § 30 of this article or pursuant to § 31 concerning surplus line brokers OR PURSUANT TO § 486B OF THIS ARTICLE CONCERNING PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANIES shall be paid for by the person examined, as follows:

(i) Each person examined shall pay to the Commissioner the travel expenses, living expense allowance, and a per diem as compensation of examiners, actuaries and typists, to the extent incurred on account of the examination, all at reasonable rates as established by the Commissioner.

(ii) A detailed account of the expense incurred may be presented to the person examined periodically during the course of the examination or at the termination of the examination, as the Commissioner deems proper.

(iii) No person shall pay and no examiner shall accept any additional emolument on account of any examination.

34.

(1) The Commissioner or [his] THE COMMISSIONER'S examiner shall make a full and true report of each examination made pursuant to [§ 30] §§ 30 AND 486B of this article.