

located in a foreign country may invest in assets in the foreign country within specified limitations.

The bill specifies that foreign investments of life insurers must be aggregated with other investments of the same type for purposes of determining compliance with any limitations.

Senate Bill 761, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1377.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### **House Bill No. 1377**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Foreign Investments of Life Insurers**

FOR the purpose of authorizing life insurers to acquire certain foreign investments or engage in certain investment practices under certain circumstances; authorizing life insurers to acquire certain investments or engage in investment practices denominated in foreign currencies under certain circumstances; authorizing certain life insurers authorized to do business in a foreign jurisdiction to acquire certain investments under certain circumstances; authorizing certain life insurers not authorized to do business in a foreign jurisdiction to acquire certain investments under certain circumstances; imposing certain requirements and limitations on investments authorized by this Act; and generally relating to foreign investments of life insurers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 5-509

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume)

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

#### **Article - Insurance**

5-509.

(a) This section does not apply to Canadian securities and investments that are eligible for investment under other provisions of this subtitle.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF § 5-511 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A LIFE INSURER MAY ACQUIRE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, OR ENGAGE IN INVESTMENT PRACTICES WITH PERSONS OF OR IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS, OF SUBSTANTIALLY