

the laws of this State, shall pay the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and all companies, or their agent, except such as may be chartered under the laws of this State, shall also pay to the Insurance Commissioner a tax on the amount of premiums contracted to be paid or actually collected, received, allowed or secured in this State, or from residents thereof, during the last license year, by or for said company, and without any deduction for expenses or endowments or dividends that may have been paid or allowed, or for any other cause whatsoever. Said tax shall be at the rate of two per centum on premiums on policies of such companies whose charters authorize them to write fire, marine or inland insurance, and at the rate of one and one-half per centum on premiums on policies of all other such companies, and which rates shall not be increased or diminished by reason of any greater or less rates being chargeable under the laws of any other State or Territory. A report of the premiums so collected as above must be made to the Insurance Commissioner under oath of the chief accountant officers of such company at the time of obtaining the license hereinabove provided for. The Insurance Commissioner, in computing the tax upon premiums collected in this State by fire and marine insurance companies, may allow credit for return premiums on cancelled policies and for reinsurance effected in companies authorized to do business in this State. Any company applying for admission to this State shall pay for its license *pro rata* for a fractional part of a year, so that all licenses issued shall expire at midnight on the thirty-first day of December next ensuing the date of issue. In addition to the above license and tax, there shall be paid by each insurance company, individual, resident or non-resident, partnership or association, whether of this State or otherwise, doing business in this State, the following fees to the Insurance Commissioner to defray the expenses of executing the provisions of this Article: Upon filing the certified copy of charter, declaration of organization or deed of settlement required by this Article to be filed as a condition precedent to do business in this State, twenty-five dollars; upon filing each annual statement, twenty-five dollars; for each certificate of authority which each general agent of every insurance company not organized under the laws of this State and doing herein the business of insurance in any of its branches is hereby required to obtain, the sum of ten dollars; and for each certificate of authority issued to any policy-writing agent who may be appointed by any fire or marine insurance company, except such as may be chartered under the laws of this State, the sum of ten dollars; and the sum of five dollars for each certificate of authority issued to any solicitor who may be appointed by any fire or marine insurance company, except such companies as may be chartered under the laws of this State, which said company shall pay the fees required by Section 184D of this Article, and except for those companies of such States, District or Country as charge a greater sum than five dollars for each similar certificate of