

~~(C) A COURT MAY AWARD REIMBURSEMENT OF A SERVICE OF PROCESS FEE IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION TO A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF IN ANY PROCEEDING AGAINST AN INSURER OR SURPLUS LINES BROKER.~~

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~~(a) (1) When an insurer doing business in the State makes or terminates an appointment, the insurer immediately shall:~~

~~(i) file with the Commissioner written notice of the appointment or termination and the reasons for the termination; and~~

~~(ii) pay to the Commissioner the applicable fee required by § 2-112 of this article.~~

~~(2) A disclosure to the Commissioner relative to the termination and date and cause of the termination is a privileged communication and may not be used as evidence in a court proceeding other than an appeal from an action of the Commissioner.~~

~~(3) The appointment and appointment fee provisions of this subsection do not apply to agents with an appointment from an insurer on June 30, 1985.~~

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is an Advisory Committee to Study Funding Mechanisms for the Maryland Insurance Administration.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall:

(1) examine alternative mechanisms for funding the Maryland Insurance Administration;

(2) develop a proposal which:

(i) apportions the cost of regulation fairly and equitably among the regulated entities;

(ii) takes into account the economic impact of the mechanism;

(iii) reduces the current cost of imposing and collecting fees; and

(iv) takes into account possible retaliatory actions by other states.

(c) The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following 13 members:

(1) two members of the Senate Finance Committee;

(2) two members of the House Economic Matters Committee;

(3) the Insurance Commissioner;

(4) one representative of life and health insurers;

(5) one representative of property and casualty insurers;

(6) one representative of health maintenance organizations;