Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 857

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Fraud Prevention Fee – Exemptions – Fraternal Benefit Societies

FOR the purpose of exempting certain fraternal benefit societies from the collection of a certain fraud prevention fee by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; ~~exempting fraternal benefit society agents from the collection of a certain fraud prevention fee by the Commissioner;~~ and generally relating to exempting fraternal benefit societies from the insurance fraud prevention fee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 6–203 ~~and 8–403(b)~~
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

6–203.

(a) For each insurer, health maintenance organization, nonprofit health service plan, [fraternal benefit society,] or any entity operating in the State under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commissioner other than a premium finance company, A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY THAT COLLECTED LESS THAN $75,000 IN PREMIUMS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, or A motor club, the fraud prevention fee shall be:

(1) $1,000;

(2) due on or before June 30 of each year; and

(3) if applicable, payable with the certificate of authority or license renewal fee.

(b) For each agent, broker, public adjuster, insurance adviser, [fraternal benefit society agent,] or third party administrator qualified, licensed, or registered by the Commissioner, the fraud prevention fee shall be:

(1) $15;

(2) due on or before June 30 of every other year; and

(3) if applicable, payable with the certificate of qualification, license, or registration renewal fee.