

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 17. This act shall take effect on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 471

AN ACT

To amend section two hundred seventeen of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-nine), entitled, as amended "An act relating to insurance; establishing an insurance department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation, examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus, and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies, associations, or exchanges; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," prescribing certain penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two hundred seventeen of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-nine), entitled, as amended "An act relating to insurance; establishing an insurance department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation, examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus, and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies, associations, or exchanges; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 217, act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 789), amended.

Section 217. Information from Fire Rating Bureaus; *Penalty*.—The Insurance Commissioner may address inquiries to any individual, association, or bureau which is or has been engaged in making rates or estimates for rates for fire insurance upon property in this Commonwealth, in relation to the organization, maintenance, or operation, or any other matter connected with its transactions, and may require the filing of schedules, rates, forms, rules, regulations, and such other information as may be required. Every such individual, association, or bureau, or some officer thereof, shall promptly make

such filing or reply to such inquiries in writing: Provided, however, That surveys and completed schedules on specific risks may be required only upon specific complaint being registered by the policyholder or applicant for insurance with the Insurance Commissioner.

*Upon failure or refusal of any individual, association, or bureau to make any such filing or to reply to such inquiries in writing, the Insurance Commissioner may, in his discretion, impose a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each such neglect or refusal. From any such action of the Insurance Commissioner, the party aggrieved may appeal to the court of common pleas of Dauphin County.*

When effective.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 472

AN ACT

To further amend article VI of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred eighty-two), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," by adding thereto a new subdivision (h), consisting of sections 685 (six hundred and eighty-five) to 696 (six hundred and ninety-six) inclusive; defining the specific powers and financial requirements of title insurance companies; providing for the regulation and supervision thereof; prohibiting the guaranteeing of mortgages by such companies; providing for reserves; and limiting the amount of liability permissible under policies of title insurance for a single transaction.

Insurance company law of 1921.

Article VI, act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That article VI of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred eighty-two), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations,