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By: Senators Astle and Derr Introduced and read first time: February 6, 1998 Assigned to: Finance A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 **Insurance - Administrative Hearings - Representation of Corporations** 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Insurance Commissioner to allow any party to a hearing held by the Insurance Commissioner to appear through a designee; 4 5 authorizing an individual who is not licensed to practice law in the State and 6 who is a designee of a corporation to represent the corporation in a proceeding 7 before the Office of Administrative Hearings while appearing on behalf of the 8 corporation in an administrative hearing under the Insurance Article; and 9 generally relating to representation of corporations in administrative hearings 10 under the Insurance Article. 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 12 Article - Insurance Section 2-213(b)(1) 13 14 Annotated Code of Maryland 15 (1997 Volume) 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 17 Article - State Government 18 Section 9-1607.1(a)(3) Annotated Code of Maryland 19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement) 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 21 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 23 **Article - Insurance** 24 2-213. 25 (b) (1) The Commissioner shall allow any party to a hearing to:

appear in person OR THROUGH A DESIGNEE [and]

be represented by counsel;

- 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 13 June 1, 1998.

11 Article; or

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