

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

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CHAPTER 895.

(House Bill 435)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Agents and Brokers", said new section to immediately precede Section 82 and to be known as Section 81G, defining general agents, agents and solicitors.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Agents and Brokers", said new section to immediately precede Section 82 and to be known as Section 81G, and to read as follows:

81G. (General Agents, Agents and Solicitors Defined.)

(a) A general agent is hereby defined to be an individual acting under written authority from any insurance company to solicit insurance, to write and countersign policies of insurance, to collect premiums therefor, and if so authorized by the company, to supervise and appoint agents and solicitors, inspect risks and otherwise transact business for and as a representative of such insurance company, and in the case of companies, other than life insurance companies, to write and countersign policies.

(b) An agent, other than a life insurance agent, is hereby defined to be an individual acting under written authority from any insurance company to solicit insurance and write and countersign policies of insurance and collect premiums therefor, and if so authorized by the company, to appoint and remove solicitors for any company for which he is licensed as agent, to report to and act through him.

(c) A life insurance agent is hereby defined to be any person acting under written authority from a life insurance company or a duly licensed general life insurance agent or a branch office of a life insurance company having authority to appoint agents, to solicit insurance for such company or on behalf of the general agent or branch office appointing him, but without the power or authority to issue or countersign policies