

or otherwise bind the company, general agent or branch office for or through which he acts as soliciting agent.

(d) A solicitor is hereby defined to be any person acting under written authority from a company or duly licensed agent for any company other than a life insurance company or a branch office of a life insurance company, having authority to appoint solicitors, to solicit insurance for such company on behalf of the agent or company or branch office of the company appointing him, but without the power or authority to issue or countersign policies or otherwise bind the company for which he is licensed.

(e) An agency may operate its business affairs as a partnership or corporation, provided all individuals actively engaged in the insurance business of such agency shall hold an unexpired general agent's or an agent's license issued in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

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

Approved April 27, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 896.

(House Bill 610)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 127 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," sub-title "Hall of Records Commission", providing for the photostatic or photographic reproduction of certain land records and the deposit thereof in the offices of the clerks of courts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 127 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

127. Every State, county, city, town or other public official in the State in custody of public records or documents is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to turn over to the Commission and deposit for preservation any original papers, official books, records, documents, files, newspapers, printed books, or portraits, not in current use in his office, and when so surrendered, and accepted by the Com-