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(A) FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE, RENEW, CONTINUE OR PERMIT TO EXIST LICENSES ONLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRUSTWORTHY AND OF GOOD CHARACTER AND WHO HAVE QUALIFIED THEREFORE BY STUDY PROGRAMS, EXPERIENCE AND EXAMINATION AND WHO SHALL BE LICENSED AND MAY CONDUCT THEIR INSURANCE BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(d) [No license to act as agent or broker may be issued to other than an individual.] Licenses may conduct their insurance business affairs as a partnership or corporation provided THAT SUCH PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION IS LICENSED AS AN AGENT OR BROKER, IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING INSURANCE AND SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A BOND TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN THE PENALTY OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000); AND PROVIDED FURTHER that every individual who solicits, negotiates, or accepts insurance business from the public shall be qualified and licensed for the [lines for which he is to receive compensation in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle] *kinds of insurance business he does with the public.*

Any such partnership or corporation agency may be issued appropriate agent or broker licenses and may be certified as a licensee under this subtitle to the supervisory officials of any state.

The bond otherwise required of individual brokers by Section 170 (d) may be filed by and in the name of the partnership or corporation agency, provided the conditions therein set forth for individual brokers are assumed by the agency organization under the bond. An individual broker who does such business entirely through such an agency organization may be excused from filing an individual bond.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect November 1, 1966.*

Approved May 6, 1966.

CHAPTER 750

(House Bill 307)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 6(p), 12, and 119(h) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), and Section 108(22) of the said Article and Code (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitles respectively "Civil Jurisdiction" and "Trial Magistrate's System"; to add new Section 25E to the said Article of the Code (1964 Replacement Volume) and new Section 97(g) thereto (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), subtitles respectively "Criminal Jurisdiction" and "Trial