

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Agents and Brokers Notice

FOR the purpose of exempting certain agents or brokers of a company or group of companies from certain notice requirements where the business is owned by the company or group of companies and the cancellation of any contractual agreement does not result in the cancellation or refusal to renew any policies of insurance; generally relating to certain notice requirements for certain insurance agents and brokers; and to correct language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 234B(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 234B(b) of Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

234B.

(b) If an insurer intends to cancel a written agreement with an agent or broker, or intends to refuse any class of renewal business from the agent or broker, the insurer shall give the agent or broker not less than 90 days written notice. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement to the contrary, the insurer shall continue for not less than one year after termination of the agency agreement to renew through [such] THE agent or broker any of the policies which have not been replaced with other insurers as expirations occur. This subsection shall not apply to [life, health, surety, wet marine and title insurance policies.]: (1) AGENTS OR BROKERS OR POLICIES OF A COMPANY OR GROUP OF COMPANIES REPRESENTED BY AGENTS OR BROKERS WHO BY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPRESENT ONLY THAT COMPANY OR GROUP OF COMPANIES IF THE BUSINESS IS OWNED BY THE COMPANY OR GROUP OF COMPANIES AND THE CANCELLATION OF ANY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT DOES NOT RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OR REFUSAL TO RENEW ANY POLICIES OF INSURANCE; OR, (2)