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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMPLOYER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS UNDER THE STATE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS.

(B) PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO AN EMPLOYER TO ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH HE MAY EMPLOY ONE OR MORE PERSONS, THE EMPLOYER SHALL FILE WITH THE ISSUING AUTHORITY, A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS, [[PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW, AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED THEREUNDER.]] UNDER PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW. AN EMPLOYER-APPLICANT MAY PROVIDE, AS EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE, A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER OR BINDER NUMBER, IN LIEU OF SUBMITTING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 31A be and it is hereby added to Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

31A.

(A) PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT BY THE STATE, ANY COUNTY OR A MUNICIPALITY, TO AN EMPLOYER FOR AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH HE MAY EMPLOY ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES, THE EMPLOYER SHALL FILE WITH THE ISSUING AUTHORITY A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. THE EMPLOYER MAY PROVIDE, AS EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE, A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER OR BINDER NUMBER, IN LIEU OF SUBMITTING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE APPLICATION FORMS FOR AGENCIES ISSUING LICENSES OR GRANTING PERMITS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF APPROPRIATE ARTICLES IN THIS CODE FOR THE USE OF EMPLOYERS IN THE STATE WHO APPLY FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS UNDER THOSE ARTICLES. THE FORMS SHALL CONTAIN APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES TO ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EMPLOYER-APPLICANT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS OF THIS STATE.

(C) THE COMMISSION WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FROM AN EMPLOYER-APPLICANT, SHALL DETERMINE IF THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND NOTIFY THE APPLICANT BY MAIL OF ITS DETERMINATION. THE COMMISSION SHALL FORWARD EITHER A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE OR A NOTICE OF