

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 167(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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167.

(c) [An] (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AN agent may not solicit or take application or negotiate, procure or make any insurance for which that agent does not then possess a valid appointment.

(2) AN AGENT MAY, WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, SUBMIT TO AN INSURER AN INFORMAL INQUIRY FOR ANY KIND OF INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR ANNUITY FOR WHICH THE AGENT HAS A VALID AND EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION IF THE INSURER HAS A VALID AND EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE KIND OF INSURANCE WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE INQUIRY IS MADE.

(3) AN AGENT MAY, WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, SOLICIT AN APPLICATION FOR ANY KIND OF INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR ANNUITY FOR WHICH THE AGENT HAS A VALID AND EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION IF--

~~-(i)-~~ THE INSURER TO WHICH THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED HAS A VALID AND EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE KIND OF INSURANCE REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION; ~~AND~~ .

~~-(ii)-~~ (4) WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT BY THE AN INSURER OF ~~THE APPLICATION FROM THE AGENT~~ AN APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR AN ANNUITY FROM AN AGENT WHO DOES NOT HOLD A VALID APPOINTMENT FROM THE INSURER, THE INSURER SHALL EITHER REJECTS REJECT THE APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 234A OF THIS ARTICLE OR FILES FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT-TO UNDER § 169 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 2, 1988.