

(As enacted by Chapter 754 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1988)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
 Section ~~166(a)(1)~~, ~~170~~, 170 and 344E
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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Chapter 516 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986
 Section 2

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

166.

As used in this subtitle:

(a) An "agent" is a person who for compensation in any manner solicits, procures, or negotiates insurance contracts, including contracts for nonprofit health service plans, dental plan organizations, and health maintenance organizations, or the renewal or continuance of any of these contracts on the behalf of organizations issuing the contracts. The term "agent" shall not include:

(1) Individuals employed and used by agents or insurers for the performance of clerical, stenographic and similar office duties, INCLUDING CLERICAL EMPLOYEES, OTHER THAN CLERICAL EMPLOYEES OF INSURERS, TAKING INSURANCE APPLICATIONS, INFORMATION OR RECEIVING PREMIUMS,--OR-BINDING-COVERAGE IN THE CONFINES OF THE AGENT'S OFFICE, IF THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION DOES NOT VARY WITH THE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS OR PREMIUMS;

170.

(a) Certificates issued to agents and brokers shall be renewed on July 1 of every odd-numbered year, unless prior thereto the certificate is revoked or suspended by the Commissioner or terminated under this section.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, in the absence of a contrary ruling by the Commissioner certificates shall be renewed every 2 years subject to the payment of the