

2. IF THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS BEEN LICENSED FOR 25 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, MORE THAN 8 CLOCK HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER LICENSE RENEWAL.

(ii) The continuing education shall promote the education level of agents and brokers in lines or specialties appropriate to the certificate category.

(iii) If continuing education is required, the Commissioner may grant a waiver when:

1. The agent or broker has a limited license;
2. The agent or broker is a retiree; or
3. The Commissioner determines that other circumstances

warrant the waiver.

(IV) AN AGENT OR BROKER MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY SUBMITTING TO THE COMMISSIONER:

1. PROOF THAT THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS COMPLETED 8 CLOCK HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE APPLICABLE LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD; AND

2. AN AFFIDAVIT THAT, OVER THE PREVIOUS 25 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS BEEN:

A. CONTINUALLY LICENSED AS AN AGENT OR BROKER IN THIS STATE; AND

B. CONTINUALLY EMPLOYED IN THE SELLING OF INSURANCE IN THIS STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A – Insurance Code

170.

(b) (2) As a condition of a certificate renewal, the Commissioner shall require that an agent OR BROKER receive continuing education.

(i) [The Commissioner may not require an agent to receive more than 16 clock hours of continuing education per license renewal regardless of the number of certificates the agent may have.] REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES AN AGENT OR BROKER MAY HAVE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT REQUIRE AN AGENT OR BROKER TO RECEIVE:

1. IF THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS BEEN LICENSED FOR LESS THAN 25 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, MORE THAN 16 CLOCK HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER LICENSE RENEWAL; AND