

(II) INSURERS NOT USING AGENTS IN THE GENERAL SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS;

(III) MUTUAL INSURERS OR OTHER INSURERS NOT CUSTOMARILY USING AGENTS COMPENSATED BY COMMISSION IF NO COMMISSION IS PAYABLE TO AN AGENT ON THE POLICY OR ENDORSEMENT; OR

(IV) INSURERS OR GROUPS OF INSURERS UNDER COMMON MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL THAT ARE REPRESENTED EXCLUSIVELY BY AGENTS WHO REPRESENT ONLY THE INSURERS OR GROUPS OF INSURERS;

(8) RECIPROCAL INSURERS; OR

(9) INSURANCE WRITTEN THROUGH:

(I) THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND; OR

(II) THE MARYLAND PROPERTY INSURANCE AVAILABILITY PROGRAM.

(B) EFFECT OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 10-119 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) SIGNATURE OR COUNTERSIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED; EXCEPTION.

(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OF THIS STATE OR OF POLICY FORMS, AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN AGENT THAT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO SIGN OR COUNTERSIGN A POLICY COVERING A SUBJECT OF INSURANCE RESIDENT, LOCATED, OR TO BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE.

(2) A POLICY COVERING A SUBJECT OF INSURANCE RESIDENT, LOCATED, OR TO BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE SHALL BE SIGNED OR COUNTERSIGNED BY AN AGENT THAT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE IF:

(I) THE POLICY IS WRITTEN BY AN AGENT THAT IS A RESIDENT OF ANOTHER STATE AND IS QUALIFIED AS A NONRESIDENT AGENT IN THIS STATE; AND

(II) THE LAW OF THE OTHER STATE REQUIRES A SIGNATURE OR COUNTERSIGNATURE BY AN AGENT THAT IS A RESIDENT OF THAT STATE ON A POLICY WRITTEN BY AN AGENT OR BROKER THAT IS NOT A RESIDENT IN THAT STATE.

(3) A POLICY IS NOT INVALID BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED SIGNATURE OR COUNTERSIGNATURE.

(D) PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OR COUNTERSIGN POLICY.

(1) A PERSON MAY NOT SIGN OR COUNTERSIGN A POLICY OR ENDORSEMENT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION UNLESS THE PERSON:

(I) IS A QUALIFIED AGENT;