

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 242

(House Bill 509)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Change of Agent or Broker of Record

FOR the purpose of requiring an authorized insurer to accept and honor a request by a policyholder for a change of agent or broker of record within a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring a new agent or broker of record to have a current appointment ~~or~~ *and* contract with the authorized insurer before the change of agent or broker of record will be effective; requiring a new agent or broker of record to be paid certain commissions under certain circumstances; requiring a request for a change of agent or broker of record to be in writing and include certain information; providing that this Act does not require an authorized insurer to appoint ~~or~~ *and* contract with an agent or broker of record, to alter a certain existing contract, or to require the payment of certain commissions where a certain agent or broker continues to have a certain responsibility; and generally relating to a change of agent or broker of record in insurance.

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 27-911

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

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

Article – Insurance

27-911.

(A) EACH AUTHORIZED INSURER DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE SHALL ACCEPT AND HONOR EACH REQUEST BY A POLICYHOLDER FOR A CHANGE OF AGENT OR A CHANGE OF BROKER OF RECORD WITHIN 30 WORKING DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST UNLESS THE POLICYHOLDER WITHDRAWS THE REQUEST IN WRITING.