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(a) (1) A person may not accept for publication or printing in a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical, or for broadcast on radio or television in the State, an advertisement or other notice that directly or indirectly solicits business for or sets forth the advantages of doing business with an insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person, unless the person that will publish or broadcast the advertisement or notice has a certificate issued by the Commissioner stating that the insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person named in the certificate is authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

(2) On application of any person, the Commissioner shall issue the certificate without charge.

(b) A person may not publish or print in a newspaper, magazine, periodical, circular letter, pamphlet, or in any other manner, or broadcast by radio or television in the State, an advertisement or other notice that directly or indirectly solicits business for or sets forth the advantages of doing business with an insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person that is not authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

(c) A manufacturer, jobber, wholesaler, or retailer may not distribute or cause to be distributed matchbooks or other advertising matter, except newspapers and magazines of general circulation, that directly or indirectly solicits business for or sets forth the advantages of doing business with an insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person that is not authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

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(c) Any of the following acts in the State, effected by mail or otherwise, is considered to be doing an insurance business in the State:

(6) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, with respect to a subject of insurance resident, located, or to be performed in the State, directly or indirectly acting as an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER for, or otherwise representing or helping on behalf of another, an insurer or other person to:

(i) solicit, negotiate, procure, or effect insurance or the renewal of insurance;

(ii) disseminate information about coverage or rates;

(iii) forward an application;

(iv) deliver a policy or insurance contract;

(v) inspect risks;

(vi) fix rates;

(vii) investigate or adjust claims or losses;