

for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the owner of the policy or contract to forfeit or surrender it or allow it to lapse in order to replace it with another; or

(17) has not held an appointment with a licensed society for more than 2 years after the date of renewal.

(c) Instead of suspending or revoking a certificate of qualification, the Commissioner may impose on the holder, for a first or second offense, a penalty of not less than \$25 but not exceeding \$500.]

[8-456.

(a) When a society doing business in the State makes or terminates an appointment of a fraternal benefit agent, the society immediately shall:

(1) file with the Commissioner written notice of the appointment or termination; and

(2) pay to the Commissioner the fee required by § 2-112 of this article.

(b) (1) The Commissioner may require a society that terminates an appointment to file a statement of facts about the termination, including the date and cause of the termination.

(2) Each statement relative to the termination and date and cause of the termination is a privileged communication.]

[8-457.

Except for payment to a qualified fraternal benefit agent of the society or to a person exempted under § 8-449(c) of this subtitle, a society doing business in the State may not pay a commission or other compensation to a person for services in obtaining in the State any new life insurance contract, health insurance contract, or annuity contract.]

[8-458.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Part V of this subtitle, a person may not act as a fraternal benefit agent for a society unless the person has a certificate of qualification issued under Part V of this subtitle.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.]

8-467.

(b) (1) This subsection applies to:

(iii) [a fraternal benefit agent] AN INSURANCE PRODUCER THAT ACTS ON BEHALF OF A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY; and

(iv) a person acting for [a fraternal benefit agent] AN INSURANCE PRODUCER THAT ACTS ON BEHALF OF A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.