

(2) An [agent, broker,] INSURANCE PRODUCER or insurer may not participate in a combination plan or transaction prohibited by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) (1) A person may not solicit the combination of insurance and other matters prohibited by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) An [agent, broker,] INSURANCE PRODUCER or insurer may not participate in a plan of public solicitation of the combination of insurance and other matters prohibited by subsection (a) of this section.

(3) This subsection does not prohibit a person from being an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER and engaging in another business at the same time or place if:

(i) the sales of insurance and other matters are not combined or coerced as prohibited by subsection (a) of this section; and

(ii) the buyer or other person has the free choice of insurance.

(c) (1) Violation of this section does not invalidate any contract or transaction.

(2) Notwithstanding a combination contract, tying agreement, understanding, or condition to the contrary, the person required to buy or pay for insurance or to bid ex-insurance may substitute at any time other insurance from [agents, brokers,] INSURANCE PRODUCERS or insurers chosen by the person, or may decline further insurance coverage if the insurance is other than to protect the interest of a lender, property owner, or other person.

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(b) (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not prohibit:

(iv) [an agent or broker] FUND PRODUCER from charging and collecting, as actual expenses incurred in placing automobile insurance with the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund: 1. a maximum charge of \$10 plus \$1 more than the actual charge by the Motor Vehicle Administration for a driving record required to be presented with the application, unless otherwise provided by the Fund; or 2. the amount provided in subsection (e) of this section; or

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a surplus lines broker that holds a certificate of qualification under Title 3, Subtitle 3 of this article may charge a reasonable policy fee, not exceeding \$75, on each policy procured by a [qualified agent or qualified broker] LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCER to whom the surplus lines broker pays a commission.

(e) (2) (i) The Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund may sponsor [an agent, broker,] A FUND PRODUCER or premium finance company registered under Title 23 of this article for the purpose of obtaining accident history reports directly from a person that provides accident history reports.