

(4) where the carrier elects not to renew all of its individual health benefit plans in the State;

(5) where the [eligible] individual no longer resides, lives, or works in the service area, provided that the coverage is terminated under this provision uniformly without regard to any health status-related factor of covered individuals; or

(6) where, in the case of health insurance coverage that is made available in the individual market only through one or more bona fide associations, the membership of the [eligible] individual in the association ceases but only if such coverage is terminated under this paragraph uniformly without regard to any health status-related factor of covered individuals.

SECTION 5- 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

6-101.

(b) The following persons are not subject to taxation under this subtitle:

(1) a nonprofit health service plan corporation that meets the requirements established under §§ 14-106 and 14-107 of this article;

(2) a fraternal benefit society;

(3) a health maintenance organization authorized by Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health - General Article;

(4) a surplus lines broker, who is subject to taxation in accordance with Title 3, Subtitle 3 of this article;

(5) an unauthorized insurer, who is subject to taxation in accordance with Title 4, Subtitle 2 of this article; or

(6) [the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan created under Title 15, Subtitle 6 of the Health - General Article] THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5, PART I OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(7) THE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5, PART II OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

14-110.

The Commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to an applicant if:

(1) the applicant has paid the applicable fee required by § 2-112 of this article; and