

(V) IS SETTLED IN AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$500.;

(3) (I) ANY SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENT MAY BE TERMINATED FOR CAUSE UPON THE INSURER'S PROVIDING THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENT WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE OF SUCH TERMINATION-; AND

(II) THE INSURER MAY SUSPEND THE SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY DURING THE PENDENCY OF A DISPUTE REGARDING THE CAUSE FOR TERMINATION; AND

(4) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ALL CLAIMS FILES ARE ~~JOINT~~ PROPERTY OF THE INSURER ~~AND THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENT.~~

(II) IF THE COMMISSIONER OBTAINS AN ORDER OF LIQUIDATION, REHABILITATION, REORGANIZATION, OR CONSERVATION AGAINST AN INSURER, THE FILES SHALL BECOME THE SOLE PROPERTY ~~OF THE INSURER, OR~~ OF THE PERSON APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR, REHABILITATOR, CONSERVATOR, OR RECEIVER.

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(A) A MANAGING GENERAL AGENT MAY NOT:

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, BIND REINSURANCE OR RETROCESSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE INSURER;

(2) COMMIT THE INSURER TO PARTICIPATE IN INSURANCE OR REINSURANCE SYNDICATES;

(3) APPOINT OR HIRE ANY AGENT TO SOLICIT, PROCURE, OR NEGOTIATE INSURANCE CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF AN INSURER WITHOUT ASSURING THAT THE AGENT IS QUALIFIED UNDER § 167 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(4) TAKE ANY ACTION THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF § 234B OF THIS ARTICLE IF TAKEN DIRECTLY BY THE INSURER;

(5) WITHOUT THE INSURER'S WRITTEN APPROVAL, PAY OR COMMIT THE INSURER TO PAY A CLAIM, NET OF REINSURANCE, WHICH EXCEEDS 1% OF THE INSURER'S POLICYHOLDER SURPLUS AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE LAST COMPLETED CALENDAR YEAR;

(6) (I) WITHOUT THE INSURER'S PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL, COLLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM A REINSURER; OR

(II) COMMIT THE INSURER TO ANY CLAIM SETTLEMENT WITH A REINSURER;

(7) APPOINT A SUBMANAGING GENERAL AGENT UNLESS: