

(F) (G) (1) An individual who provides any service described in subsection (b) of this section may not:

(i) Seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration;

(ii) Display any such political preference or party allegiance; or

(iii) Make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

(2) No information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at an office designated as a voter registration agency may be used for any purpose other than the maintenance of voter registration statistics.

(3) Notwithstanding § 3-501 of this title and § 10-611 of the State Government Article, the identity of a voter registration agency through which a particular voter has registered may not be disclosed to the public.

(G) (H) Regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this section and § 3-203 of this subtitle, including provisions for training the employees of voter registration agencies and the Motor Vehicle Administration, shall be adopted by the State Board in cooperation with each agency.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

Approved May 21, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 751

(House Bill 1343)

AN ACT concerning

### Insurance - Surplus Lines Insurance

FOR the purpose of altering the authority of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations concerning surplus lines insurance under certain circumstances; altering certain provisions concerning the applicability and completion of a certain diligent search requirement under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain applicant to waive a certain diligent search requirement under certain circumstances; altering the form and content of a certain disclosure required with each insurance contract delivered as surplus lines coverage under certain circumstances; altering certain reporting requirements for a surplus lines broker; and generally relating to surplus lines insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,