

---

**By: Delegate Harrison**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 1996

Assigned to: Economic Matters

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance - Change of Agent of Record or Broker of Record**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring insurers to accept and honor requests for a change of agent  
4 of record or broker of record within a certain time period; requiring a new agent of  
5 record or broker of record to be paid certain compensation under certain  
6 circumstances; requiring a request for a change of agent of record or broker of  
7 record to be in writing and include certain information; and generally relating to a  
8 change of agent of record or broker of record in insurance.

9 BY adding to

10 Article 48A - Insurance Code  
11 Section 234D  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

17 234D.

18 (A) EACH INSURER AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE SHALL  
19 ACCEPT AND HONOR EACH REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF AGENT OF RECORD OR  
20 BROKER OF RECORD WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST  
21 UNLESS THE POLICYHOLDER WITHDRAWS THE REQUEST IN WRITING.

22 (B) THE NEW AGENT OF RECORD OR BROKER OF RECORD SHALL BE PAID  
23 ALL COMPENSATION EARNED ON THE POLICY EFFECTIVE FROM THE FIRST  
24 ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE POLICY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF CHANGE.

25 (C) A REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF AGENT OF RECORD OR BROKER OF  
26 RECORD SHALL:

27 (1) BE IN WRITING; AND

28 (2) INCLUDE:

29 (I) THE INSURED'S NAME AND ADDRESS;

HOUSE BILL 1017

2

1 (II) THE INSURER'S NAME AND ADDRESS;

2 (III) THE POLICY NUMBER;

3 (IV) THE DATE OF THE REQUEST; AND

4 (V) THE SIGNATURE OF THE INSURED.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 1996.