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By: **Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance - Fraternal Benefit Agents - Continuing Education**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing continuing education requirements for fraternal benefit  
4 agents; and generally relating to fraternal benefit agents.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Insurance  
7 Section 8-454  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1997 Volume)

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

12 **Article - Insurance**

13 8-454.

14 (a) A certificate of qualification expires on the first June 30 after its effective  
15 date and in an odd-numbered year, unless it is renewed for a 2-year term as provided  
16 in this section.

17 (b) At least 1 month before a certificate of qualification expires, the  
18 Commissioner shall mail to the holder of the certificate of qualification, at the last  
19 known address of the holder:

20 (1) a renewal application form; and

21 (2) a notice that states:

22 (i) the date by which the Commissioner must receive the renewal  
23 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate of  
24 qualification expires; and

1 (ii) the amount of the renewal fee.

2 (c) Before a certificate of qualification expires, the holder of the certificate of  
3 qualification may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the holder:

4 (1) otherwise is entitled to a certificate of qualification;

5 (2) files with the Commissioner a renewal application on the form that  
6 the Commissioner provides; [and]

7 (3) pays to the Commissioner a renewal fee; AND

8 (4) COMPLETES CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS  
9 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-116 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED  
10 UNDER § 10-116 OF THIS ARTICLE BY THE JUNE 30 ON WHICH THE CERTIFICATE OF  
11 QUALIFICATION EXPIRES.

12 (d) (1) The Commissioner shall renew the certificate of qualification of each  
13 holder who meets the requirements of this section.

14 (2) If an application for renewal is filed with the Commissioner in a  
15 timely manner, the holder of the certificate of qualification may continue to act as a  
16 fraternal benefit agent under that certificate of qualification until the Commissioner  
17 renews the certificate of qualification.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
19 effect June 1, 1998.