(b) A person may not publish or print in a newspaper, magazine, periodical, circular letter, pamphlet, or in any other manner, or broadcast by radio or television in the State, an advertisement or other notice that directly or indirectly solicits business for or sets forth the advantages of doing business with an insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person that is not authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

(c) A manufacturer, jobber, wholesaler, or retailer may not distribute or cause to be distributed matchbooks or other advertising matter, except newspapers and magazines of general circulation, that directly or indirectly solicits business for or sets forth the advantages of doing business with an insurer, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other person that is not authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

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(c) Any of the following acts in the State, effected by mail or otherwise, is considered to be doing an insurance business in the State:

(6) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, with respect to a subject of insurance resident, located, or to be performed in the State, directly or indirectly acting as an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER for, or otherwise representing or helping on behalf of another, an insurer or other person to:

(i) solicit, negotiate, procure, or effect insurance or the renewal of insurance;

(ii) disseminate information about coverage or rates;

(iii) forward an application;

(iv) deliver a policy or insurance contract;

(v) inspect risks;

(vi) fix rates;

(vii) investigate or adjust claims or losses;

(viii) transact matters arising out of an insurance contract after the insurance contract becomes effective; or

(ix) in any other manner represent or help an insurer or other person to transact insurance business;

5–102.

(a) Notwithstanding § 5–101 of this subtitle, in determining the financial condition of an insurer, the following expressly are not allowed as admitted assets:

(3) an advance given only on personal security to an employee or [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER of the insurer or to another person;