

10-130.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 10-102 and 10-119 of this subtitle, a commission, fee, reward, rebate, or other consideration for ~~procuring or influencing the procurement of~~ SELLING, SOLICITING, OR NEGOTIATING insurance may not be paid, directly or indirectly, to a person other than a [qualified agent or qualified broker] LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCER.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, for life insurance or health insurance this section does not prohibit payment to or receipt by a [formerly qualified agent or formerly qualified broker] PERSON WHO FORMERLY HELD A LICENSE AND, IF THE PERSON ACTED ON BEHALF OF AN INSURER, AN APPOINTMENT of:

- (1) commissions on renewal premiums on existing policies; or
- (2) other deferred commissions.

(C) UNLESS THE PAYMENT WOULD VIOLATE § 27-209 OR § 27-212 OF THIS ARTICLE, AN INSURER OR INSURANCE PRODUCER MAY PAY OR ASSIGN COMMISSIONS, SERVICE FEES, OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION TO AN INSURANCE AGENCY OR TO PERSONS WHO DO NOT SELL, SOLICIT, OR NEGOTIATE INSURANCE IN THE STATE.

10-131.

A person that violates § 10-103[(a),] (b)[,] or (c), § 10-118(b), or § 10-130 of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or both for each violation.

10-132.

A title insurance [agent or title insurance broker] PRODUCER that willfully or knowingly violates § 10-121 of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

10-202.

(b) This subtitle does not apply to:

- (1) an officer, employee, [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, or other representative of an authorized insurer while acting for the authorized insurer;
- (2) [a broker] AN INSURANCE PRODUCER that holds a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE while acting as [a broker] AN INSURANCE PRODUCER for a client;

10-203.

(b) An [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER or other representative of an authorized insurer that, while acting for an authorized insurer, uses a title similar to those listed in § 10-201(b)(2) of this subtitle in close conjunction with all or part of the name of the authorized insurer need not obtain a license if the [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER or other representative certifies to the Commissioner that the [agent]