

1 B. To appoint a producer as its agent, the appointing insurer,
2 or an authorized representative of the insurer, shall file, in a
3 format approved by the Insurance Commissioner, a notice of
4 appointment within fifteen (15) days from the date the agent
5 contract is executed, or the first insurance application is
6 submitted. For purposes of this section, an "authorized
7 representative of the insurer" means a person or entity licensed by
8 the Commissioner pursuant to the laws of this state who is
9 authorized in writing by the appointing insurer to file appointments
10 for the appointing insurer. An insurer or authorized representative
11 of an insurer may also elect to appoint a producer to all or some
12 insurers within the insurer's holding company system or group by the
13 filing of a single appointment request.

14 C. Upon receipt of the notice of appointment, the Insurance
15 Commissioner shall verify within a reasonable time not to exceed
16 thirty (30) days that the insurance producer is eligible for
17 appointment. If the insurance producer is determined to be
18 ineligible for appointment, the Commissioner shall notify the
19 insurer and the authorized representative of the insurer within five
20 (5) days of its determination.

21 D. An insurer or authorized representative of an insurer shall
22 pay an appointment fee, in the amount and method of payment set
23 forth in Section 1435.23 of this title, for each insurance producer
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1 appointed by the insurer for each insurer for which the insurance
2 producer is appointed.

3 E. It shall be unlawful for any insurer to discriminate among
4 or between the insurance producers it has appointed. Any person or
5 company convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall
6 be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by the imposition
7 of a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or
8 imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six (6) months nor
9 more than one (1) year, or be punished by both fine and
10 imprisonment.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective **July 1, 2020.**

12 **SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation**
13 **of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby**
14 **declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and**
15 **be in full force from and after its passage and approval.**

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE
18 February 10, 2020 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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