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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Agents and Brokers", said new section to be known as Section 92A, to follow immediately after Section 92, and to read as follows:

92A. *Qualification of Fire and Casualty Agents, Solicitors, and of Brokers and Broker's Solicitors.*

(a) Before the Insurance Commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority or license to any person to act as agent, solicitor, broker or broker's solicitor, except to sell life insurance only, or life insurance in conjunction with either or both of accident and health insurance as provided in Sections 83, 90 and 91 of this Article, he shall require the applicant therefor to satisfy him that he has had sufficient education or experience in the insurance business and to satisfactorily pass such an examination relating to the kind or kinds of insurance to which the license may extend as the Commissioner may require for the purpose of determining whether he is qualified to receive such license, provided that such examination shall be given by the Commissioner at least once every thirty days, at places as the Commissioner shall from time to time determine. The applicant shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) which shall entitle the said applicant to three such examinations should the applicant require the same. Any licensed agent, solicitor, broker or broker's solicitor who shall have a license issued by the State of Maryland as insurance agent, solicitor, broker or broker's solicitor at the time of the enactment of this section, shall not be required to submit to such an examination for a license to sell the same class of insurance for which he then has a license, nor shall an examination be required for the renewal of any licenses, or for additional licenses covering the same class of insurance, except in cases where the license has been suspended or revoked as in this Article provided, in which event the Commissioner may in his discretion require the applicant to pass an examination before reinstatement or reissuance of license. The Insurance Commissioner may appoint an examiner and such clerical assistance as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this section, at such compensation and with such expense allowance as may be provided by the Budget. The Insurance Commissioner may appoint an examiner and any clerk or clerks which may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this section, the compensation of such person or persons to be