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DATE: May 4, 2006
TO: Insurers and Producers
RE: New Procedure for Requesting Letters of Certification

The purpose of this Bulletin is to notify non-resident insurance producers and insurers that Maryland, like all other states, no longer requires paper Letters of Certification to confirm the status of a producer's license. Instead, Maryland relies on the state producer licensing database (SPLD) of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to confirm the status of producer licenses. Despite this national change, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) continues to receive requests for paper Letters of Certification from licensees. As an accommodation to these licensees, the MIA provides online requests for Letters of Certification that can be printed from its website at: www.mdinsurance.state.md.us Click on: MIA ON-LINE SERVICES>>LETTERS OF CERTIFICATION.

Effective immediately, the MIA will no longer produce paper Letters of Certification.

If an insurer requires printed documentation of a producer's license status, the NAIC Producer Database is available for the insurer's use.

Questions relating to this Bulletin may be addressed to Jean E. Bienemann, Director of Producer Licensing at the following email address: jbienemann@mdinsurance.state.md.us .

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