

**Article – State Government**

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(a) There is a Joint Committee on Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight.

(b) (1) The Committee consists of 18 members.

(2) Of the 18 members:

(i) 9 shall be members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

1. 3 members from the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

2. 3 members from the Finance Committee; and

3. 3 members from the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee; and

(ii) 9 shall be members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

1. 3 members from the Committee on the Judiciary;

2. 3 members from the Committee on Economic Matters; and

3. 3 members from the Committee on Environmental Matters.

(c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them.

(d) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a Delegate each to serve as cochairman.

(e) The Department of Legislative Reference shall provide staff assistance to the Committee.

(f) The Committee shall examine and evaluate the condition of the medical liability insurance structure in the State and the effect of Chapter 597 of the Laws of Maryland of 1987 on that structure.

(g) The Insurance Commissioner shall:

(1) cooperate fully with the Committee;

(2) keep the Committee fully informed as to the condition of medical liability insurance in the State and the effect of Chapter 497 of the Laws of Maryland of 1987 and other tort and insurance laws of the State; and

(3) submit an annual report, subject to § 2-1312 of this title, to the Committee on or before October 1 of each year that incorporates the information described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.