

Article - State Government

8-403.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

(34) Insurance [Commissioner and] Administration (§§ 2-101 and 2-103 of the Insurance Article: July 1, [2002] 2012);

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on July 1, 2002, the Insurance Fraud Division shall be transferred from the Maryland Insurance Administration to the Department of State Police along with:~~

~~(1) all authorized regular positions, full time equivalent contractual positions, and incumbent personnel in the Insurance Fraud Division;~~

~~(2) all operating expenses appropriated to the Insurance Fraud Division in the fiscal 2003 budget bill; and~~

~~(3) all records, equipment, assets, and liabilities of the Insurance Fraud Division.~~

SECTION 5. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Insurance Administration shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before October 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of the recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2001. This report shall include:

(1) a summary of efforts by the Administration to enhance communication with licensees, to address staff vacancies in the Insurance Fraud Division, to attract and retain skilled staff, and to address issues related to its physical plant;

(2) recommendations for consolidating statutorily required reports into the annual report; and

(3) identification of statutory reporting requirements that are outdated or unnecessary.

SECTION 6. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.