

reports to certain persons.

BY adding to

~~Article 48A — Insurance Code  
Section 61B and 62 to be under the new subtitle "3A.  
Insurers; Disclosure of Arson Investigation  
Reports"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)~~

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations  
Section 56 and 57 to be under the new subtitle  
"Insurers; Disclosure of Arson Investigation  
Reports"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

~~Article 48A — Insurance Code~~

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

~~3A.~~ INSURERS; DISCLOSURE OF ARSON INVESTIGATION REPORTS

~~61B.~~ 56.

(A) THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "FIRE INVESTIGATOR" MEANS ANY LEGALLY DESIGNATED STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL FIRE MARSHAL, FIRE INVESTIGATOR OR OTHER OFFICIAL HAVING A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF FIRES AND SUPPRESSION OF ARSON.

(C) "INSURANCE COMPANY" MEANS ANY COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION LICENSED BY OR ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURING PROPERTY OF ANY KIND.

~~62.~~ 57.

(A) A FIRE INVESTIGATOR MAY REQUEST ANY INSURANCE COMPANY INVESTIGATING A FIRE LOSS OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION IN ITS POSSESSION RELATIVE TO THAT LOSS. THE COMPANY SHALL RELEASE THE INFORMATION AND COOPERATE WITH ANY OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST SUCH INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) ANY INSURANCE POLICY RELEVANT TO A FIRE LOSS UNDER INVESTIGATION AND ANY APPLICATION FOR SUCH A POLICY;

(2) POLICY PREMIUM PAYMENT RECORDS;