

Appeals may require from any employing unit any sworn or unsworn reports, with respect to persons employed by it, which the Executive Director or Board of Appeals deems necessary for the effective administration of this article. Information thus obtained shall not be published or be open to public inspection (other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties) in any manner revealing the employing unit's identity, but any claimant at a hearing before a special examiner, a hearing examiner or the Executive Director or Board of Appeals shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of his claim. Any employee of the Executive Director or Board of Appeals who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not longer than one year, or both.

(2) No report, communication or any other such matter either oral or written from the employee or employer to each other or to the Executive Director or Board of Appeals or any of their agents, representatives or employees, which shall have been written, sent, delivered or made in connection with the requirements and administration of this article shall be made the subject matter or basis of any suit for slander [or libel], LIBEL, OR ABUSIVE OR WRONGFUL DISCHARGE in any court, unless such report, communication, or other such matter is false and malicious.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 555

(Senate Bill 170)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance - Waiver of Coverage

FOR the purpose of permitting an insured to waive certain coverage of certain medical, hospital, and disability benefits provided in motor vehicle liability insurance policies under certain circumstances; requiring an insurer to provide certain medical, hospital, and disability benefits unless an insured makes an affirmative waiver of the coverage and benefits; providing that the insured must be notified of the nature of the benefits before waiving coverage; repealing a certain provision that provided that