

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 2. INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "FRAUD DIVISION" MEANS THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

(C) "INSURANCE FRAUD" MEANS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING:

(1) A VIOLATION OF § 233 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) THEFT, AS SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 27, §§ 340 THROUGH 342 OF THE CODE:

(I) FROM A PERSON REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE; OR

(II) BY ANY PERSON REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR BY ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY PERSON REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE; AND

(3) ANY OTHER APPLICABLE CRIME OF FRAUD SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE THAT IS COMMITTED BY OR AGAINST A PERSON OR ENTITY REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

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THERE IS AN INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION SHALL:

(1) HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN INSURANCE FRAUD;

(2) WHERE APPROPRIATE AFTER AN INVESTIGATION, CRIMINALLY PROSECUTE A PERSON FOR INSURANCE FRAUD;

(3) COMPILE AND ABSTRACT INFORMATION THAT INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD AND THE TYPE OF ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD;

(4) COOPERATE WITH THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION, THE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD TOOK PLACE AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES;

(5) OPERATE A TOLL-FREE INSURANCE FRAUD HOT LINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND RECORDING INFORMATION ON ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD; AND