

Commissioner to conduct business in Maryland, and use these funds as special funds to offset General Fund expenditure's for the Insurance Fraud Unit. For every two dollars received as special funds by the Secretary, the appropriation shall be reduced by one dollar.

Further provided that the Insurance Fraud Unit shall: (1) Investigate complaints, and where appropriate, prosecute suits and actions concerning fraudulent insurance acts, as defined in Article 48A of the Code and any other applicable provisions of law; (2) Cooperate with and assist insurers, the Insurance Division, the Maryland State Police, the Attorney General's Office, the State's Attorney, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other appropriate law enforcement authorities in the investigation and prosecution of fraudulent insurance acts; (3) Operate a toll-free telephone number for the reporting of fraudulent insurance acts; (4) Conduct public outreach and awareness programs on the costs of insurance fraud to the public; (5) Maintain data and statistics related to insurance fraud; and (6) Report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 1993 on the work of the Fraud Unit and its progress in performing the duties herein enumerated and enforcing all relevant fraud related laws. The report will also include a discussion of alternate locations for the Fraud Unit, such as the Insurance Division, the State Police, and the Attorney General's Office, as well as the feasibility of supporting the unit through fees assessed against insurers authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to conduct business in Maryland.

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