

(5) The Commissioner may appoint and employ field investigators, ACCOUNTANTS, AND STATISTICIANS whose primary duties shall be, as directed by the Commissioner, to make investigations in this State of violations or claimed violations of this article, INCLUDING § 233A OF THIS ARTICLE.

(6) The Commissioner may appoint and employ other assistants and clerks as may be necessary to assist him in discharging the duties imposed upon him under this article.

(7) The Administration shall be represented by the office of the Attorney General and shall have a principal counsel who shall be an assistant attorney general and such other assistant attorneys general, INCLUDING ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THE FRAUD DIVISION, as provided by the budget. The Commissioner may employ on a full-time basis such other attorneys-at-law as the Commissioner deems necessary.

~~(8) THE COMMISSIONER MAY EMPLOY SUCH PERSONNEL AS IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, INCLUDING INVESTIGATORS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ACCOUNTANTS, AND STATISTICIANS.~~

~~{(8)}~~⁽⁹⁾ The Commissioner may from time to time contract for and procure, on a fee or part-time basis, or both, such actuarial, legal, technical or other professional services as he may require for the discharge of his duties.

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(4) All money received under §§ 33(i), 41(1), (2), (3), (4) and (16), and 194 of this article shall be general funds of the State, except that money for travel expenses and living expense allowance received pursuant to § 33(i) of this article shall be held in a special revolving fund by the Comptroller for the sole purpose of the payment of the costs of examinations of insurance companies.

(B) THE FOLLOWING MONEYS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE AND SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION FUND:

(1) REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE ANNUAL FRAUD PREVENTION FEE UNDER § 640B OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS THAT THE STATE TREASURER MAKES FOR THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION FUND.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(A) IN THIS SECTION AND §§ 233AB THROUGH 233B OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUSIVE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "FRAUD DIVISION" MEANS THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.