

(D) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SHALL REQUEST THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE TO ASSIGN ONE OR MORE MARYLAND STATE POLICE OFFICERS TO ASSIST WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE FRAUD DIVISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES.

233AC.

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, REFER SUSPECTED CASES OF INSURANCE FRAUD TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE APPROPRIATE APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD TOOK PLACE TO 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) IN EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, 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 OR PROVIDE FOR A TOLL-FREE INSURANCE FRAUD HOT LINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND RECORDING INFORMATION ON ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD; AND

(6) IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS ON THE COSTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD TO THE PUBLIC.

233AD.

~~(A) AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ASSIGN ONE OR MORE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO ASSIST THE FRAUD DIVISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES.~~

(B) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REPORT TO THE FRAUD DIVISION ON ANY CASE NOT PROSECUTED AND THE REASONS THEREFOR WHY A CASE WAS NOT PROSECUTED.

233AE.

FUNDING FOR THE FRAUD DIVISION SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.