

(5) A hearing held under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(6) At the hearing the insurer has the burden of proving its proposed action to be justified and, in doing so, may rely only on the reasons set forth in its notice to the insured.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 635**

**(Senate Bill 903)**

AN ACT concerning

**General Assembly – Legislative Staff and Services – Reorganization and Duties**

FOR the purpose of reorganizing the structure of the agencies providing staffing and support services to the General Assembly; creating a Department of Legislative Services; providing for the organization, general authority, and duties of the Department; providing that the Department is headed by an Executive Director and providing for the appointment, removal, and initial and on-going duties of the Executive Director; specifying that the Legislative Auditor and the Office of Legislative Audits are part of the Department of Legislative Services; altering the time requirement within which the Office of Legislative Audits is required to conduct fiscal/compliance audits; altering certain provisions of law relating to required and authorized audits, the scope and place of audits, audit procedures and reports, and confidentiality of audits; altering the name, membership, and duties of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly; repealing certain provisions relating to the organization and duties of the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference; recodifying existing provisions relating to office space, equipment, and secretarial support for members of the General Assembly, permanent part-time legislative employees, leaves of absence for sessions of the General Assembly, status and credit for service of employees of the General Assembly and the staff agencies, and the legislative security force; making technical changes; specifying certain transitional provisions relating to the implementation of the reorganization of legislative staffing agencies required by this Act; and generally relating to the reorganization of staffing of the General Assembly and the establishment of the Department of Legislative Services.

BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 2-605; 2-1201 through 2-1207, and 2-1209 and the subtitle "Subtitle 12. Staff and Services – Department of Fiscal Services"; 2-1301 through 2-1307 and 2-1315 through 2-1318 and the subtitle "Subtitle 13. Staff and Services – Department of Legislative Reference"; 2-1408 through 2-1412 and the subtitle designation "Subtitle 14. Staff and Services – Accounting, Security,