

~~(4) obtained its authority to operate by fraud, including making a material misrepresentation in the application for authority to operate as a self insurance group;~~

~~(5) misappropriated, converted, illegally withheld, or refused to pay on proper demand moneys that have been entrusted to the self insurance group or its administrator in its fiduciary capacity and that belong to a member of the self insurance group, an employee of a member, or a person entitled to payment; or~~

~~(6) for any other reason, must have its authority to operate suspended or revoked to protect the members or insureds of a self insurance group or the public.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee shall study and make recommendations regarding the payment of claims of an insolvent self-insurance group under Title 25, Subtitle 3 of the Insurance Article. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the House Economic Matters Committee and Senate Finance Committee on or before December 1, 2001.

SECTION 2.3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED That, on or before December 1, 2001, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the name of each workers' compensation self-insurance group, the type of businesses that generally become members of each group, the number of employers that belong to each group, and the total number of employees that are served by each group;

(2) the status of the regulation and operation of the workers' compensation self-insurance groups; and

(3) any recommendations for changes to the law regarding the regulation of workers' compensation self-insurance groups.

SECTION 2.4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 427

(Senate Bill 769)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Staff Agencies - Quality Oversight and Improvement

FOR the purpose of transferring oversight of nursing staff agencies from the Board of Nursing to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring nursing staff agencies to ~~register with~~ be licensed by the Office; providing for the procedures and