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~~(A) THE HEAD OF THE FRAUD DIVISION IS THE MANAGER.~~

~~(B) (1) THE MANAGER OF THE FRAUD DIVISION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.~~

~~(2) THE MANAGER IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(3) THE MANAGER REPORTS DIRECTLY TO AND IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE SECRETARY.~~

~~(C) THE MANAGER OF THE FRAUD DIVISION IS UNCLASSIFIED AND IS ENTITLED TO ANNUAL COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

~~(D) THE MANAGER OF THE FRAUD DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FRAUD DIVISION AND THE EXERCISE OF ALL AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE FRAUD DIVISION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

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~~THE FRAUD DIVISION:~~

~~(1) HAS THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE EACH PERSON SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN INSURANCE FRAUD;~~

~~(2) IF APPROPRIATE AFTER AN INVESTIGATION:~~

~~(I) SHALL REFER SUSPECTED CASES OF INSURANCE FRAUD TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE THE PERSON CRIMINALLY FOR INSURANCE FRAUD;~~

~~(II) SHALL NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OR DISCIPLINARY BODY OF EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE FRAUD THAT INVOLVES PROFESSIONALS; AND~~

~~(III) SHALL NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OF EVIDENCE OF CROSS OVERUTILIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(3) SHALL 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, SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD TOOK PLACE, AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES;~~

~~(5) SHALL OPERATE OR PROVIDE FOR A TOLL FREE INSURANCE FRAUD HOT LINE TO RECEIVE AND RECORD INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED ACTS OF INSURANCE FRAUD; AND~~