

CHAPTER 471

(Senate Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation Benefits - Fraud

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Workers' Compensation Commission~~, if a good faith belief exists that a person has knowingly obtained certain benefits to which the person is not entitled, to refer the person to the Insurance Fraud Division in the Maryland Insurance Administration; ~~requiring the Commission to compile and abstract information that includes the number and the type of confirmed acts of insurance fraud; requiring the Commission to refer a person that knowingly affects or knowingly attempts to affect the payment of certain compensation, fees, or expenses by means of a fraudulent representation to the Insurance Fraud Division in the Maryland Insurance Administration~~ Maryland Insurance Commissioner to include certain information in a certain annual report; requiring the Insurance Fraud Division to notify the Workers' Compensation Commission of certain suspected cases of insurance fraud; requiring the Commission to refer certain persons to the Insurance Fraud Division under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Insurance Fraud Division and in collaboration with certain persons and organizations, to conduct a certain study; specifying what the Commission shall consider as part of the study; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations by a certain date; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to workers' compensation insurance fraud.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section ~~2-401~~ 2-110(a), 2-401, and 2-405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-310.1 and 9-1106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-310.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

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