

organizations listed below, study how to prevent, identify, and deter workers' compensation fraud. As part of the study, the Commission shall consider:

- (1) workers' compensation fraud committed by employers, employees, health care providers, and any other person or entity;
- (2) the cost associated with each type of identified fraud; and
- (3) methods of preventing, identifying, and deterring fraud.

In conducting the study, the Commission shall collaborate with representatives of:

- (1) self-insured employers;
- (2) government group self-insurers;
- (3) property and casualty insurers;
- (4) labor; and
- (5) any other persons or organizations, as determined by the Commission.

On or before December 31, 2004, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations for preventing, identifying, and deterring workers' compensation fraud to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 472**

**(Senate Bill 640)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources – Special Funds and Accounts – Administrative Costs**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to use money in certain funds or accounts for certain administrative expenses based on a generally accepted methodology for determining indirect costs; requiring the Secretary to submit any changes to the indirect costs methodology for review and comment to the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee within a certain time period; providing for the administrative costs of certain funds and accounts administered by the Department of Natural Resources; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to special funds and accounts administered by the Department of Natural Resources.