

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 3. PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL.

6-301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

(C) "DIVISION" MEANS THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(D) "INSURANCE CONSUMERS" MEANS PERSONS INSURED UNDER POLICIES OR CONTRACTS OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURER OR A HOMEOWNERS INSURER.

(E) "INSURER" MEANS A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURER OR A HOMEOWNERS INSURER AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN THE STATE UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(F) "PREMIUM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE TO THE EXTENT IT IS ALLOCABLE TO THIS STATE.

6-302.

(A) (1) THERE IS A PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL APPOINT THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(C) THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL:

(1) SHALL HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE;

(2) SHALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AND EXPERTISE IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS; AND

(3) MAY NOT HOLD AN OFFICIAL RELATION TO OR HAVE ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST IN AN INSURER

(D) THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

(E) THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.