

THE ADMINISTRATION, SHALL BE TRANSMITTED PROMPTLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT; AND

3. THE REQUEST FOR HEARING SHALL BE DOCKETED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT AND CONSOLIDATED FOR TRIAL WITH THE APPEAL.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN APPEAL TO A CIRCUIT COURT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE HEARD DE NOVO.

(H) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2009, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR:

(1) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THIS SECTION OR § 3-1701 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FROM INSUREDS REGARDING FIRST-PARTY INSURANCE CLAIMS UNDER PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE POLICIES;

(2) THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS OF THE COMPLAINTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(3) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS INSTITUTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR UNFAIR CLAIM SETTLEMENT PRACTICES UNDER § 27-303(9) OR § 27-304(18) OF THIS TITLE; AND

(4) THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS OF THE REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR UNFAIR CLAIM SETTLEMENT PRACTICES DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act providing for administrative penalties and license sanctions that may be imposed by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner apply only to an act or omission occurring on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.