

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Insurance**

27-401.

(a) In this subtitle[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(B) (1) ["claim"] **"CLAIM"** means a demand for payment or benefit under a policy or contract by an insured, third party, or representative of the insured or third party.

[(b)] (2) **"Claim"** includes a demand for payment or benefit made against:

[(1)] (I) the State under Title 12 of the State Government Article, Title 8, Subtitle 1 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, or Title 9 of the Labor and Employment Article; or

[(2)] (II) the Maryland Transit Administration when acting as a self-insurer under § 7-703 of the Transportation Article.

(C) **"MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT" ~~HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-501 OF THIS ARTICLE~~ MEANS AN OCCURRENCE INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT RESULTS IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO A PERSON.**

27-407.1.

**IT IS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT FOR A PERSON, WITH THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A CLAIM UNDER A POLICY OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, TO ORGANIZE, PLAN, OR KNOWINGLY PARTICIPATE IN:**

(1) **AN INTENTIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT; OR**

(2) **A SCHEME TO CREATE DOCUMENTATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT THAT DID NOT OCCUR.**

27-408.