

Article 48A – Insurance Code

490M.

(b) (1) There is an Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits assigned to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(2) The Committee consists of:

(i) 3 executive branch members appointed by the Governor;

(ii) 2 members of the Senate designated by the President of the Senate; and

(iii) 2 members of the House of Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House.

(3) THE 3 EXECUTIVE BRANCH MEMBERS SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING;

(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

(III) THE INSURANCE DIVISION; AND

(IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.

[(3)] (4) Each official appointed under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection may appoint a designee.

[(4)] (5) (i) With the concurrence of not fewer than 4 members, the Committee shall appoint an executive director as provided in the State budget.

(ii) Staff support for the Committee shall be provided by the respective agencies on the Committee.

(d) The Committee shall:

(1) Appoint OBJECTIVE, ~~UNBIASED~~ expert review panels to evaluate legislative proposals or statutes referred to the Committee for review; and

(2) Designate the chair of each panel.

(e) The Executive Director shall:

(1) Identify expert members for the various panels to be appointed by the Committee;

(2) Supervise and negotiate the consultant contracts and the day-to-day operations of the panels;

(3) Give public notice: