

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 26, 1992.

**CHAPTER 614**

**(House Bill 1380)**

AN ACT concerning

**Fraudulent Insurance Acts**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain activities relating to insurance; providing that certain activities constitute a fraudulent insurance act; providing for certain penalties; deleting certain obsolete provisions; and generally relating to the creation of a comprehensive listing of activities that constitute fraudulent insurance acts.

BY repealing

- Article 48A - Insurance Code
- Section 233 and 233A
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

- Article 48A - Insurance Code
- Section 233
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

**Article 48A - Insurance Code**

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Any agent, broker, solicitor, examining physician, applicant, or other person, who:

(1) Knowingly or wilfully makes any false or fraudulent statement or representation in or with reference to any application for insurance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period of not more than 6 months or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court; and

(2) For the purpose of obtaining any money or benefit, knowingly or wilfully presents or causes to be presented a false or fraudulent claim; or any proof in support of such a claim for the payment of the loss upon a contract of insurance; or prepares, makes,