

CHAPTER 265

(House Bill 208)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Fraud

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to investigate certain fraudulent insurance claims under certain circumstances; requiring insurers, their employees, certain producers, or certain agents to report suspected insurance fraud to appropriate law enforcement agencies; ~~providing that there shall be no liability on the part of insurers, their employees, certain producers, or certain agents for reporting suspected insurance fraud if the report is made without malice, fraudulent intent, or bad faith;~~ requiring insurers to institute and maintain antifraud plans; specifying the content of antifraud plans; providing for the Insurance Commissioner's review of insurers' antifraud plans; providing for examination of insurers' procedures to determine whether they are complying with their antifraud plans; providing for the confidentiality of antifraud plans; establishing a penalty for violations of the provisions of this section; and generally relating to insurance fraud.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 25(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 233B

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~

~~Section 5-330.1~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has determined that the general welfare of the citizens of Maryland requires the elimination of insurance fraud in the State; and