

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 833

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 2, strike “Motor Vehicle Liability Insurers - Fees” and substitute “Insurance - Fraud Prevention Fee”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “Fund” in line 5 and substitute “altering the disbursement of a certain fraud prevention fee collected by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring a certain amount of the fraud prevention fee be deposited in the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund to be used for a certain purpose; altering the amount of the fraud prevention fee; making a certain conforming change”; and in line 6, strike “a fee imposed on motor vehicle liability insurers to be paid into the” and substitute “the fraud prevention fee and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In line 8, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,”; in line 10, strike “19-517” and substitute “2-505(a), 6-202, and 6-203(a)”; and in line 12, strike “2002” and substitute “2003”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

After line 15, insert:

“2-505.

(a) There is an Insurance Regulation Fund that consists of:

(1) all revenue received through the imposition and collection of the assessment fee under this subtitle;

(2) all revenue received through the imposition and collection of the fees set forth in § 2-112 of this title;

(Over)

(3) [all] TWO-THIRDS OF THE revenue received through the imposition and collection of the fraud prevention fee under Title 6, Subtitle 2 of this article;

(4) all revenue received through the collection of examination expenses under § 2-208 of this title;

(5) except as provided in § 2-114(a) of this title, all other fees received through the imposition and collection of fees set forth in this article; and

(6) income from investments that the State Treasurer makes for the Fund.

6-202.

(a) The Commissioner shall collect the fraud prevention fee.

(b) [The] OF THE total amount of the fraud prevention fee collected by the Commissioner:

(1) TWO-THIRDS shall be deposited in the Insurance Regulation Fund as provided in § 2-505 of this article; AND

(2) ONE-THIRD SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION FUND UNDER § 2-703 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE TO BE USED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFT.

6-203.

(a) For each insurer, health maintenance organization, nonprofit health service plan, fraternal benefit society, or any entity operating in the State under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commissioner other than a premium finance company, a fraternal benefit society that collected less than \$75,000 in premiums in the preceding calendar year, or a motor club, the fraud prevention fee shall be:

- (1) [\$1,000] \$1,500;
- (2) due on or before June 30 of each year; and
- (3) if applicable, payable with the certificate of authority or license renewal fee.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 22, inclusive.