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Gov. Whitman Submits Insurance Fraud Reorganization Plan to the Legislature

Gov. Christie Whitman today submitted to the Legislature a plan to transfer and reorganize the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.

The personnel, funding, and statutory and regulatory authority for the office will be transferred from the Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention in the Department of Banking and Insurance. Under the reorganization, the office will sit in the Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Law and Public Safety.

The reorganization is a component of the Automobile Insurance Cost Reduction Act of 1998, which guarantees a 15 percent reduction in rates for all good drivers. The Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, under the direction of the Attorney General, is charged with investigating and prosecuting insurance fraud and coordinating the conduct of all criminal, civil, and administrative matters involving insurance fraud.

The reorganization plan will take effect in 60 days, unless disapproved by the Legislature.