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DIVISION 1. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING INSURANCE [100 - 1879.8] (*Division 1 enacted by Stats. 1935, Ch. 145.*)

PART 2. THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE [680 - 1879.8] (*Part 2 enacted by Stats. 1935, Ch. 145.*)

CHAPTER 12. The Insurance Frauds Prevention Act [1871 - 1879.8] (*Chapter 12 added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1119, Sec. 3.*)

ARTICLE 6. Deposit of Automobile Insurance Claims Information [1876 - 1876.5] (*Heading of Article 6 amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 501, Sec. 4.*)

1876. Every insurer who receives a bodily injury, medical payment, or uninsured motorist claim made under a policy of automobile liability insurance defined in Section 660 or Section 11622 shall within 20 days of the receipt of that claim deposit that claim information with a licensed insurance claims analysis bureau. The claims information deposited pursuant to this section shall include at least the following: (1) the claimant's driver's license number or California identification card number, if applicable; (2) the vehicle license number; (3) the vehicle identification number, if known; and (4) the claimant's social security number, if known to the insurer. (Added by renumbering Section 1876.2 by Stats. 1997, Ch. 501, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 1998.)

1876.3. Any information acquired pursuant to this article shall not be part of any public record except as follows: Except as otherwise provided by law, any authorized governmental agency, and insurer, or an agent authorized by an insurer to act on its behalf, which receives any information furnished pursuant to this article shall not release that information to public inspection until such time as its release is required in connection with a criminal or civil proceeding; to analyze and present information for release in the bureau's annual report pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1872.9.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the accumulation and public distribution by the bureau of statistical data if that data does not reveal the identity of specific claimants, injured parties, attorneys, physicians, or other service providers.

(Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 1222, Sec. 7.)

1876.4. No insurer, or the employees or agents of any insurer, shall be subject to civil liability for libel, slander, or any other tort cause of action arising from the deposit or furnishing of any information or data pursuant to this article.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1119, Sec. 3.)

1876.5. As used in this article, "authorized governmental agency" and "insurer" have the same meaning as is given by Section 1874.1.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 1119, Sec. 3.)