

**COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (MALPRACTICES IN  
INSURANCE CLAIMS AND RELATED MATTERS)  
LAW, 1983**

In pursuance of the Provisional National Defence Council (Establishment) Proclamation, 1981, this Law is hereby made:

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| <p>1. There is hereby established a Committee of Inquiry to be known as the "Committee of Inquiry (Malpractices in Insurance Claims and Related Matters)".</p>  | <p>Establishment of Committee of Inquiry.</p> |
| <p>2. The Committee shall consist of the persons specified in the Schedule to this Law.</p>   | <p>Membership of Committee.</p>               |
| <p>3. The terms of reference of the Committee shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to investigate the extent, if any, of involvement of legal practitioners in the making of fraudulent claims to the detriment of workers and other members of the public;</li> <li>(b) to investigate the extent, if any, to which medical practitioners have contributed to the making of fraudulent claims through the issuing of false medical certificates or other fraudulent means;</li> <li>(c) to investigate the extent, if any, of involvement of members of the Police Service in the making of fraudulent claims through the preparation of fake police reports and other fraudulent means;</li> <li>(d) to ascertain the extent, if any, to which the staff of insurance companies or other insurers have connived with other persons in the making of fraudulent claims;</li> <li>(e) to investigate complaints and allegations by any person or group of persons of any fraudulent claims made by any person or of any unreasonable demands made by any person for any claims;</li> <li>(f) to investigate allegations of the operation of insurance rackets in the making of claims;</li> <li>(g) to investigate any other matter which in the opinion of the Committee is reasonably related to the foregoing and which the Committee is satisfied should be investigated;</li> <li>(h) to submit its findings to the Provisional National Defence Council giving reasons therefor and making such recommendations to the Council in respect of its findings as the Committee considers appropriate;</li> <li>(i) to recommend to the Provisional National Defence Council ways and means of simplifying and streamlining the process of claiming payments under insurance</li> </ul> | <p>Terms of Reference.</p>                    |

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policies so as to enable the members of the public to reap maximum benefit from their claims;

- (j) to recommend to the Provisional National Defence Council how best the public could be educated on insurance matters.

4. The recommendations of the Committee referred to in section 3 (h) of this Law may, without prejudice to the generality of that section, include the following:

- (a) the prosecution before the Public Tribunals or the Courts of any persons who have in any way been involved in the making of fraudulent claims;
- (b) reference of any findings to the appropriate professional body to take disciplinary or other action against any member of the professional body for any professional misconduct or negligence disclosed by such findings.

Staff of  
Committee.

5. In addition to the Secretary, the Provisional National Defence Council may provide to the Committee the services of such public officers as the Committee may require for the discharge of its functions.

Meetings of  
Committee.

6. (1) The Committee shall meet at such times and at such places as it may determine.

(2) The Committee may at any time engage the services of any person to attend any of its meetings as an adviser.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Committee shall regulate its own procedure.

(4) The Chairman of the Committee shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, and in his absence a member elected by the other members shall preside.

(5) The quorum of the Committee shall be three.

Summons to  
attend and  
give  
evidence.

7. (1) The Committee may by summons issued under the hand of the Chairman require any person—

(a) to attend at such time and place as is specified in the summons to give evidence or to produce any document in his possession or control which relates to any matter specified in the summons; or

(b) to give the Committee any information that may be specified in the summons.

(2) Any person summoned to appear before the Committee under subsection (1) of this section may be examined on oath and the Committee may for that purpose administer the oath.

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8. Any person who—

- (a) refuses or wilfully neglects to attend in obedience to a summons issued under subsection (1) of section 7 of this Law, or to give evidence as required by the summons; or Offences.
- (b) wilfully alters, suppresses, conceals, destroys or refuses to produce any document which he is required to produce by such summons; or
- (c) refuses or wilfully neglects to furnish any information required of him by the summons,

shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ₵10,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding twelve months or to both.

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*SCHEDULE*

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

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|------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------|
| 1. Dr. S. Gepi-Atee          | .. | .. | <i>Chairman</i>          |
| 2. Mr. Kofi Acqaah           | .. | .. | <i>Member</i>            |
| 3. Mr. A. A. Ampofo          | .. | .. | <i>Member</i>            |
| 4. Mrs. E. L. Nkansah        | .. | .. | <i>Member</i>            |
| 5. Mr. Bankie Forster Bankie | .. | .. | <i>Member/Secretary.</i> |

Made this 27th day of May, 1983.

FLT.-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS  
*Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council*

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