

Subject Expanding and modifying Medicaid fraud provisions

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Overview

This bill makes changes related to medical assistance fraud. It authorizes the attorney general to issue subpoenas for certain wage, insurance, and financial information when there is an ongoing law enforcement investigation. The bill repeals the existing crime of medical assistance fraud and replaces it with a new offense. The bill also appropriates \$390,750 each year on an ongoing basis to the attorney general to combat medical assistance fraud.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Authority.</p> <p>Expands the authority of the attorney general to issue subpoenas in ongoing legitimate law enforcement investigations to include wage and employment records, insurance records related to claim settlement, and the financial records of the subject of an investigation into suspected public benefit fraud.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Legal representation.</p> <p>Makes a conforming change in the section authorizing the attorney general or a county attorney to initiate a criminal or civil action related to medical assistance fraud and other theft offenses.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Medical assistance fraud.</p> <p>Establishes that a person who makes a claim for payment from medical assistance funds commits a crime if the person intentionally submits the claim knowing, or having reason to know, that it is false. Establishes felony penalties that range from up to five years of imprisonment to up to 20 years of imprisonment. Authorizes claims made in a six-month period to be aggregated and establishes that an offense may be prosecuted in any place where part of the offense was committed or where the entity receiving the claim is located.</p> |

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4	Acts constituting theft. Makes a conforming change to remove a portion of the theft statute that is replaced by the new medical assistance fraud crime.
5	Limitations. Makes a conforming change in the statute establishing statutes of limitations for criminal offenses.
6	Appropriation. Appropriates \$390,750 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the attorney general to combat medical assistance fraud. The appropriation is ongoing.
7	Repealer. Repeals section 609.466, the crime of medical assistance fraud, which is replaced with a new offense in section 3.



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