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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION**

#### **TYLER TO BECOME CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

**Baltimore, MD (December 16, 2009)**... Maryland Insurance Commissioner Ralph S. Tyler announced today that he has submitted his resignation to Governor O'Malley effective January 8, 2010, to accept an appointment as Chief Counsel to the federal Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). Tyler has been Insurance Commissioner since September 2007.

"It has been a great privilege to serve the people of Maryland as Insurance Commissioner," Tyler said. "I am extremely grateful for the opportunities for public service, first for Baltimore City and then for the State, which Governor O'Malley has provided to me," Tyler added.

"I am, of course, very excited about the new opportunity in public service, which the position at the FDA provides," Tyler said.

Tyler added that, between now and his departure in January, he will work with the Governor to assure a smooth transition to new leadership at the Insurance Administration.

*The Maryland Insurance Administration (MLA), founded as the Maryland Insurance Division in 1872, is an independent State agency located in downtown Baltimore. This agency regulates Maryland's \$26 billion insurance industry and makes certain that insurance companies, health plans and producers (agents and brokers) comply with Maryland insurance law. The MLA also licenses over 11,000 producers and approximately 1,500 insurance companies, regulates insurance rates, monitors insurer solvency, investigates consumer complaints and travels across the State providing consumers with educational materials on insurance. These materials may also be found at [www.mdinsurance.state.md.us](http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us).*