

## CHAPTER 586

(House Bill 377)

AN ACT to add new Section 354B to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition and 1969 Replacement Volume~~) (1969 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1969 SUPPLEMENT), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Nonprofit Health Service Plans," to follow immediately after Section 354A thereof and to add new Section 470C to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Health Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 470B thereof and to add new Section 477B to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Group and Blanket Health Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 477A thereof, to prohibit the exclusion of policyholders from coverage for disability or term of sickness while confined at home because of medical treatment elsewhere under sickness and accident insurance policies or certificates issued in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 354B be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition and 1969 Replacement Volume~~) (1968 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1969 SUPPLEMENT), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Nonprofit Health Service Plans," to follow immediately after Section 354A thereof, and that new Section 470C be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Health Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 470B thereof, and that new Section 477B be and it is hereby added to Article 48A of the same Code, title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Group and Blanket Health Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 477A thereof, and all to read as follows:

*354B.*

*No certificate or policy of sickness and accident insurance ~~delivered or issued for a deliverance~~ EFFECTIVE ISSUED after July 1, 1970 to COVERING any person in this State, including both individual certificates or policies and group certificates or policies which provide coverage for disability or term of sickness while confined at home, shall exclude payments or benefits to that person because he leaves the confinement of home for medical treatment. Coverage extends to those persons confined at home, who are otherwise eligible, irrespective of the place of medical treatment.*

*470C.*

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