

2005 LAWS OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND, Sct.:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the Twelfth Day of January 2005, and ending on the Eleventh Day of April 2005, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. being Governor of the State, the following laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1

(Senate Bill 836)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Patients' Access to Quality Health Care Act of 2004 - Implementation and Corrective Provisions

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, when developing certain rates; to consider certain expenses imposed on managed care organizations; ~~providing the Insurance Commissioner with the authority to deny, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a certificate of authority if an insurer fails to pay a certain assessment by the People's Insurance Counsel;~~ clarifying the grounds for a circuit court ~~imposing~~ to impose a certain civil penalty for the failure of an insurer to make certain reports under certain circumstances; authorizing a circuit court to impose a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; altering a certain provision of law specifying the information that medical professional liability insurers must submit to the Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to deny inspection of certain parts of certain reports; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations on the submission of certain information by insurers; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Commissioner to impose a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision of law establishing the Maryland Medical Professional Liability Insurance Rate Stabilization Fund; establishing the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund; establishing the purposes of the Fund; providing that the Fund consists of the revenue ~~imposed~~ from the premium tax imposed on health maintenance organizations and managed care organizations and interest ~~on and~~ or other income ~~from earned on moneys in~~ the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.