

(2) Each health insurance policy and certificate shall contain a notice of the prohibition established by paragraph (1) of this subsection in a form approved by the Commissioner.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all health insurance carriers subject to the provisions of this Act shall make the benefits for universal hearing screening of newborns available on and after July 1, 2000, notwithstanding any policy or benefit statement to the contrary.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 129

(Senate Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics Law - Reform of Legislative Ethics Process

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law relating to members of the General Assembly and, under certain circumstances, to other officials and employees of the State; altering provisions of law relating to the employment of relatives of members of the General Assembly; stating a certain requirement as to the use of public resources by members of the General Assembly; ~~authorizing the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to adopt certain Rules of Legislative Ethics~~; providing for the appointment of a Counsel to the Joint Committee; specifying the duties of the Counsel; altering certain employment restrictions relating to members of the General Assembly; altering certain provisions relating to the solicitation, acceptance, and reporting of gifts under the Maryland Public Ethics Law; including members of the General Assembly under a provision prohibiting certain use of the prestige of office; altering provisions relating to the presumption of a conflict of interests; prohibiting a member of the General Assembly from participating in certain legislative action under certain circumstances; requiring the disclosure of certain information by members of the General Assembly under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Joint Committee to make certain information and documents publicly available on the Internet~~; requiring the Joint Committee and the State Ethics Commission to develop certain procedures for the electronic filing of certain documents; altering procedures under which the Joint Committee issues advisory opinions; altering procedures for the investigation of