

Section 14-102(b) and (e) and 14-115(d)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance  
Section 14-115.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government  
Section 6.5-201(b) and 6.5-301(b) and (e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5-106.

(a) Except as provided by this section, a prosecution for a misdemeanor shall be instituted within 1 year after the offense was committed.

(Z) A PROSECUTION FOR A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE UNDER TITLE 14 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

**Article - Insurance**

14-102.

(a) The purpose of this subtitle is:

(1) to regulate the formation and operation of nonprofit health service plans in the State; and

(2) to promote the formation and existence of nonprofit health service plans in the State that:

(i) are committed to a nonprofit corporate structure;

(ii) seek to provide individuals, businesses, and other groups with affordable and accessible health insurance; and

(iii) recognize a responsibility to contribute to the improvement of the overall health status of [Maryland residents] THE RESIDENTS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS OPERATE.