

the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall remain available for expenditure on the Waiting List Initiative in the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, at the end of June 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 698**  
**(House Bill 578)**

AN ACT concerning

**Evidence - ~~Health Care~~ Records and Writings of Health Care Providers**

FOR the purpose of making certain ~~health care~~ records and writings of certain health care providers admissible in certain civil trials without certain testimony; requiring certain procedures; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the admissibility of certain ~~health care~~ records and writings of certain health care providers to prove certain matters in certain civil trials.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-2A-01(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 10-104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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**

3-2A-01.

(e) "Health care provider" means a hospital, a related institution as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article, a physician, an osteopath, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a dentist, a podiatrist, a