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(C) IN THIS SECTION, "FOSTER PARENTS" INCLUDES PARENTS WHO CARE FOR CHILDREN ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS UNDER A PROGRAM OF SHELTER CARE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 32B of Article 88A - Social Services Administration, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

32B.

(A) The Social Services Administration shall provide liability insurance for foster parents in boarding care for children programs. The liability insurance shall provide coverage for: (1) bodily injury and property damage [to others, and to the foster parents] caused by the foster child TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY OTHER THAN THE FOSTER PARENT OR HIS PROPERTY; and (2) actions against the foster parents by the natural parents for any accident to the foster child. The Social Services Administration shall establish a reasonable deductible limit.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REIMBURSE FOSTER PARENTS FOR COSTS OF BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE FOSTER PARENTS CAUSED BY THE FOSTER CHILD, NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY INSURANCE.

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