

shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 908

(Senate Bill 775)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Maternity Disability Benefits

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health ~~insurance policies to include insurers to offer in certain insurance policies the option of providing benefits for temporary disability related to pregnancy, and or childbirth with certain limitations; and generally relating to certain disability insurance benefits.~~

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
~~Sections 354K, 470K and Section 477N~~  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new ~~Sections 354K, 470K and Section 477N~~ be and they are hereby added to Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354K.

~~EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES ANY BENEFITS FOR TEMPORARY DISABILITY SHALL INCLUDE BENEFITS FOR TEMPORARY DISABILITY CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO BY PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH. THESE BENEFITS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE SAME EXTENT AND ON THE SAME TERMS AS BENEFITS APPLIED TO ANY OTHER COVERED DISABILITY EXCEPT THAT BENEFITS FOR DISABILITIES CAUSED BY A NORMAL PREGNANCY OR NORMAL CHILDBIRTH MAY BE LIMITED TO SIX WEEKS OR MORE. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL POLICIES WHICH ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIS STATE OR WHICH ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED TO ANY ENTITY WHICH IS INCORPORATED OR HAS A MAIN OFFICE LOCATED IN THIS STATE OR WHICH COVERS ANY PERSON WHO RESIDES OR WORKS WITHIN THIS STATE.~~

470K.