

immunity from liability for damages; and generally relating to dental review committees.

BY repealing

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Section 25B
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 32 - Dentistry

25B.

[(a) A person is not liable for any civil damages because of the communication of information in his possession to any hospital, hospital medical staff, professional society, dental school, or professional licensing board, when the communication is made in good faith and is intended to aid in the evaluation of the qualifications, fitness, or character of a dentist and does not represent as true any matter not reasonably believed to be true.

(b) For purposes of this section, "person" means in-hospital staff committees, credentials committee of a hospital (or its equivalent), chief executive officer of a hospital, dean of any dental school located in Maryland, members of the State Board of Dental Examiners, members of the Maryland State Dental Association, and members of the Maryland Dental Society.]

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE OR BOARD DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, WHICH IS ENGAGED IN CARRYING OUT ONE OR MORE OF THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(3) "PROVIDER OF DENTAL CARE" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION LICENSED BY LAW TO PROVIDE DENTAL CARE TO HUMAN BEINGS.