

(b) (1) The provisions of §§ 3-212 through 3-217 and 3-220 of this article [and the provisions of Chapter 400 of the Maryland Rules (Depositions and Discovery)] are applicable to proceedings under this subtitle.

(2) EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND RULE 400(A) RELATING TO TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF DISCOVERY, THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 400 OF THE MARYLAND RULES (DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY) ARE APPLICABLE TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. ALL DISCOVERY IN ANY ACTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 270 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH A CLAIM--IS--FILED,---THE--CHAIRMAN--OF--THE--PANEL--MAY,--FOR--GOOD CAUSE--SHOWN,--ENLARGE--OR--SHORTEN--THIS--TIME--ALL DEFENDANTS HAVE BEEN SERVED.

(f) The arbitration panel shall [deliver] MAKE its award AND DELIVER IT to the Director in writing[, who] WITHIN 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE ON WHICH A CLAIM IS FILED ALL DEFENDANTS HAVE BEEN SERVED. THE DIRECTOR shall cause a copy of it to be served on each party.

(G) THE DIRECTOR OR THE PANEL CHAIRMAN, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, MAY LENGTHEN OR SHORTEN THE TIME LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all health care malpractice claims filed after July 1, 1981.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

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CHAPTER 553

(Senate Bill 619)

AN ACT concerning

Commission on Indian Affairs

FOR the purpose of modifying the method of appointment of Commissioners; modifying the method of selection of the Commission chairman and vice chairman; providing for the appointment of an administrator; and clarifying the authority of the Commission and the Secretary of Economic and Community Development concerning the appointment of the Administrator in the administration of the activities of the Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,