

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Compilation and Maintenance of Data

FOR the purpose of repealing requirements that the Insurance Commissioner obtain, compile, and publish data on fees and rates charged in this State and that insurers provide the Commissioner with that data; repealing requirements that the Commissioner obtain, compile, and publish data deemed useful to the consumer in this State which relates to the cost of health insurance and the extent of insurance coverage; and repealing requirements that the Commissioner obtain, compile, and publish data relating to life insurance in this State.

BY repealing

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 26A, 26B, and 26C
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

[26A.

(a) The Commissioner shall obtain and compile data sufficient to establish the range of usual, customary and reasonable fees and rates charged patients in Maryland by physicians, surgeons, dentists, private duty nurses, psychiatrists, podiatrists, and, in the Commissioner's discretion, any other classification of providers of medical services. All such data whether published or not, and whether for aggregates or individual providers, shall be a public record available for inspection in the office of the Commissioner.

(b) The Commissioner shall collect, maintain and update this data and shall at least once in each calendar year publish in pamphlet or booklet form as much of this data or information as he deems useful and practicable. Such publication shall show data for aggregates of providers rather than for individuals. The Commissioner may show the data by geographic areas if he deems such subdivision will serve a useful purpose.

(c) Copies of the pamphlet or booklet shall be forwarded by the Commissioner to any Maryland resident. The Commissioner may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost