

PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUATION ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES. TO ALSO SERVE ON A PROVIDER PANEL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICES.

(2) A CARRIER MAY NOT TERMINATE, LIMIT OR OTHERWISE IMPAIR A CONTRACT OR AN AGREEMENT WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR TERMINATE OR LIMIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BASED ON THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S ELECTION NOT TO SERVE ON A PROVIDER PANEL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICES.

(3) A CARRIER SHALL INCLUDE IN A CONTRACT OR AN AGREEMENT WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER A DISCLOSURE THAT INFORMS THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF THE RIGHT TO ELECT NOT TO SERVE ON A PROVIDER PANEL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That:

(a) This Act shall apply to contracts or agreements between health insurance carriers and health care providers that are executed on or after July 1, 2006.

(b) This Act may not be construed to authorize a health care provider to terminate, limit, or otherwise impair any contract or agreement with a health insurance carrier that was executed on or before June 30, 2006.

SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.

CHAPTER 477

(House Bill 980)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Terrapin —~~Prohibition~~

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting the catching of terrapin for commercial purposes; repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources adopt certain regulations for the catching of terrapin; repealing certain exemptions from certain excise and use taxes relating to the catching of terrapin for commercial purposes; and generally relating to a prohibition on the catching of terrapin requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a fishery management plan for diamondback terrapin; requiring the Department to adopt regulations governing terrapin resources and the catching of terrapin consistent with certain recommendations of the Maryland Diamondback Terrapin Task Force; and generally relating to terrapin.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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