

(4) GIVE THE PATIENT OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CONTINUING CARE TO THE PATIENT WRITTEN DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS IN A FORM THE PATIENT CAN UNDERSTAND; AND

(5) HELP TO ENSURE THAT CONTINUITY OF CARE, TREATMENT, AND SERVICES IS MAINTAINED.

~~(C)~~ (D) IF A HOSPITAL FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION FAILURE TO COMPLY.

~~(D)~~ (E) A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION MAY APPEAL A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ (C) OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 297

(Senate Bill 304)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations - Podiatrists - Scope of Practice

FOR the purpose of allowing certain surgical procedures performed by licensed podiatrists to be performed in a licensed ambulatory surgical center under certain circumstances; requiring a licensed podiatrist who performs certain surgical procedures in a licensed ambulatory surgical center to have certain surgical privileges at a licensed hospital and meet certain requirements; allowing a licensed ambulatory surgical center to establish qualifications or delineate privileges for the performance of certain surgical procedures by a licensed podiatrist; altering the definition of "practice podiatry"; and generally relating to the practice of podiatry.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 16-101 and 16-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: