

Section 2-4A-01 through 2-4A-06 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4A. Peer Review"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

SUBTITLE 4A. PEER REVIEW.

2-4A-01.

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

(B) "ADVERSE REPORT" MEANS A REPORT OF A PEER REVIEWER THAT INDICATES A SEVERE DEFICIENCY IN QUALITY CONTROL OR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM BEING REVIEWED.

(C) "COMPILATION" MEANS A PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF A FINANCIAL STATEMENT THAT:

(1) IS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS ON STANDARDS FOR ACCOUNTING AND REVIEW SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS; AND

(2) IS THE REPRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT WITHOUT AN UNDERTAKING ON THE PART OF THE PREPARER TO EXPRESS ANY ASSURANCE ON THE STATEMENTS.

(D) "ENGAGEMENT REVIEW" MEANS A PEER REVIEW THAT EVALUATES WHETHER THERE IS A REASONABLE BASIS FOR EXPRESSING LIMITED ASSURANCE THAT:

(1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM IS ASSOCIATED CONFORM IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS; AND

(2) REPORTS AND INTERNAL DOCUMENTATION OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM CONFORMS WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

(E) "MODIFIED REPORT" MEANS A REPORT OF A PEER REVIEWER THAT INDICATES A SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY IN QUALITY CONTROL OR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM BEING REVIEWED.

(F) "PEER REVIEW" MEANS A STUDY, APPRAISAL, OR REVIEW OF ONE OR MORE ASPECTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL WORK OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM PERFORMED BY A PERSON LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.