merit a qualified expert in certain malpractice claims against licensed professionals to a claim against the employer of a licensed professional to a claim against the employer, partnership, or other entity through which a licensed professional performs certain services; altering a certain definition; providing for the construction and application of this Act; and generally relating to malpractice claims against certain licensed professionals.

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    Section 3–2C–01 and 3–2C–02(a)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–2C–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Claim" means a civil action, including an original claim, counterclaim, cross–claim, or third–party claim, originally filed in A circuit court OR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT against a licensed professional OR THE EMPLOYER OF A , PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER ENTITY THROUGH WHICH THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL PERFORMED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES that is based on the licensed professional's alleged negligent act or omission in rendering professional services, within the scope of the professional's license, permit, or certificate, for others.

(c) "Licensed professional" means:

(1) An architect licensed under Title 3 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

(2) An interior designer certified under Title 8 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

(3) A landscape architect licensed under Title 9 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

(4) A professional engineer licensed under Title 14 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or