

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

43. GROUP SELF-INSURANCE FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE MEANINGS AS INDICATED:

(B) "ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION ENGAGED BY A WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE GROUP TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE GROUP AND TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT OF THE GROUP.

(C) "SELF-INSURANCE AGREEMENT" MEANS THE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE SELF-INSURANCE GROUP THAT DEFINES ALL RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

~~(D)~~ (D) "SELF-INSURANCE GROUP" MEANS A COMBINATION OF 2 OR MORE EMPLOYERS ORGANIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE ~~GROUPS OF COUNTIES, GROUPS OF MUNICIPALITIES, OR GROUPS COMPOSED OF BOTH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES~~ ORGANIZED UNDER ARTICLE 101, § 16(3) OF THE CODE.

(E) "SERVICE COMPANY" MEANS A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES THAT ARE NOT PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, INCLUDING:

(1) CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT;

(2) SAFETY ENGINEERING;

(3) COMPILATION OF STATISTICS AND THE PREPARATION OF PREMIUM, LOSS, AND TAX REPORTS;

(4) PREPARATION OF OTHER REQUIRED SELF-INSURANCE REPORTS;

(5) DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS' ASSESSMENTS AND FEES; AND

(6) ADMINISTRATION OF A CLAIM FUND.

~~(F)~~ (F) "UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND" IS THE FUND CREATED UNDER ARTICLE 101, § 91 OF THE CODE.

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(A) AN EMPLOYER MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 101, § 16 OF THE CODE BY PARTICIPATION IN A SELF-INSURANCE GROUP THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.