

CHAPTER 751

(House Bill 875)

AN ACT concerning

Group Health Insurance - Coverage of Divorced Spouses

FOR the purpose of requiring group health insurance coverage to be provided to certain divorced spouses and dependent children; setting forth limitations on eligibility for coverage; requiring the employed spouse to pay the entire cost of coverage for the divorced spouse and dependent children; requiring that the health--insurance--offered coverage required by this Act be identical to coverage offered to spouse's spouses who have not been divorced and their dependent children; requiring certificates issued under group insurance contract contracts to specify the availability, eligibility, and duration of the health insurance coverage; limiting liability the of the insurer and employer in certain cases; specifying that the coverage required by this Act does not limit or affect conversion rights; providing that the obligations--of--the--employed spouse--are--subject--to--modification--or--nullification additional costs associated with the coverage may be allocated between the employed spouse and the divorced spouse by agreement or by the court; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to publish certain notices and provide certain forms; modifying other provisions regarding continuation of health benefits; making health maintenance organizations subject to this Act defining certain terms; providing for the applicability of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to group health insurance coverage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 477K(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354FF, 477GG, and 490G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-703 (d)