

pool together for the purpose of purchasing casualty insurance or self-insuring casualty risks; authorizing certain charitable organizations to pool together for the purpose of purchasing casualty or property insurance; providing that certain pooling arrangements by public entities do not constitute an insurance business or fictitious group; requiring certain insurers to report certain claims for medical malpractice to certain health occupational boards; providing a penalty for failure to report; providing for a certain definition of public entity; and generally relating to the regulation of liability insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 8, 231, 242(d), and 490B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 244W and 482B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

8.

(A) The "insurance business" includes the transaction of all matters pertaining to a contract of insurance, both prior to and subsequent to the effectuation of such a contract, and all matters arising out of such a contract or any claim thereunder.

(B) THE "INSURANCE BUSINESS" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE POOLING TOGETHER BY PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELF-INSURING CASUALTY RISKS.

231.

(a) No insurer, whether an authorized insurer or an unauthorized insurer, shall make available through any rating plan or form, property, casualty or surety insurance, to any firm, corporation, or association of individuals, any preferred rate or premium based upon any fictitious group of such firm, corporation, or association of individuals.