

## CHAPTER 596

(House Bill 1593)

## AN ACT concerning

## Medical Injury Awards - Modification and Remittitur

FOR the purpose of providing for a modification or remittitur in awards for medical injury under certain circumstances; providing for the applicability of these procedures under certain circumstances; prohibiting the exercise of certain subrogation rights in medical injury claims; providing for the admissibility in a judicial proceeding of an unmodified arbitration award for a medical injury under certain circumstances; providing for rules and regulations by the Insurance Commissioner to govern the establishment, maintenance and administration of security provided by certain insurers under certain circumstances; providing for a waiver of arbitration procedures under certain conditions; providing for the collection and reporting of certain data relating to certain liability insurance; requiring that the Insurance Commissioner submit the collected data and to make certain recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly at a certain time; defining certain terms; creating a Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight Committee; providing for the membership, duties, and powers of the Oversight Committee; providing that the Insurance Commissioner must cooperate fully with the Oversight Committee; providing for certain dates for initial filing of certain reports; providing for the security of award of future damages under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the modification, reduction, or remittitur of damage awards in medical injury claims under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-2A-02, 3-2A-05, and 3-2A-06  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
Section 26  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1986 Replacement Volume)