

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

AN ACT concerning

Health Claims Arbitration Office - Jury Lists

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that requires jury commissioners to send certain jury lists to the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office periodically and--that requires selection of certain panel members from those lists or--existing--lists; authorizing a jury commissioner or a clerk of a court to make certain jury lists available to the Director when requested by the Director; and providing that this Act shall take effect at a certain time.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-2A-03(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-2A-03(c)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-2A-03.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Director shall prepare a list of qualified persons willing to serve as arbitrators of health care malpractice claims.

(2) The list shall be divided into three categories, one containing the names of attorneys, one containing the names of individuals who are health care providers, and one containing the names of persons from the general public who are neither attorneys, health care providers, or agents or employees of an insurance company or society. The list of health care providers shall, if practicable, include at least one health care provider from each recognized specialty, as requested by any party. the persons from the general public shall be selected at random from existing lists or current jury panel lists, WHICH A JURY COMMISSIONER OR A CLERK OF A COURT MAY MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DIRECTOR WHEN REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR. [that shall be