## WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 549 Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 548, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, and 556 Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

548.

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The purpose of this subtitle is to provide for the payment of indemnities to persons suffering injury arising out of the rendering of or the failure to render professional services by physicians or other health care providers and to provide means whereby physicians or other health care providers may obtain insurance against liability for injury due to the rendering of or failure to render any professional service, and to provide property and casualty insurance related to the provision of health care or to health care facilities used by physicians or other health care providers, subject to the limitations and immunities provided in this subtitle.

549.

- (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Practice of medicine" has the same meaning as "practice medicine" as defined in § 14-101 of the Health Occupations Article.
- (c) "Physician" means any person licensed to practice medicine in--{the--State--of--Maryland}--ANY-STATE-THE-STATES-OF MARYLAND,-VIRGINIA,-WEST-VIRGINIA,-OR-DELAWARE and-any-person:
  - (1) IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND;
  - (2) IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, WHO IS:
- MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN \$ 19-701(E) OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;