

CHAPTER 291

(Senate Bill 304)

AN ACT concerning

Medical Malpractice - Health Claims Arbitration ---
Certificates of Qualified Experts --- Service

~~FOR the purpose of requiring certain certificates of qualified experts filed with the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office to be served on all other parties to the claim or their attorneys of record; altering the time period within which a defendant is required to file a certificate of a qualified expert; and generally relating to health care malpractice claims.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article --- Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-2A-04(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)~~

FOR the purpose of requiring claimants to serve certificates of qualified experts on all other parties to the claim or their attorneys of record; requiring defendants to serve certificates of qualified experts on all other parties to the claim or their attorneys of record; specifying that the deadline for defendants to file and serve certificates of qualified experts runs from the date of service by claimants; authorizing the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office to exercise discretion in the making of certain strikes; eliminating the applicability to health claims arbitration actions of a certain provision regarding transcripts in the Maryland Uniform Arbitration Act; specifying the circumstances under which the Director is to file a copy of the award with the circuit court after the time for either rejecting or modifying has expired; and generally relating to health claims arbitration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-2A-04(b) 3-2A-04(b)(1) and (2), and (d)(2), and
3-2A-05(b) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)