

and renewal fees; authorizing the Secretary to waive certain requirements of this Act under certain circumstances; providing for the term of a certificate and its renewal; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations after consulting with certain persons; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to issue or renew a certificate under certain circumstances; authorizing the revocation of a certificate under certain circumstances; providing certain criminal penalties for violation of this Act; providing for the resolution of certain disputes involving the medical necessity of certain claims be resolved in a certain manner; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to private review agents performing utilization review.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
 Section 19-1301 through ~~19-1312~~ 19-1313, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Private Review Agents"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1987 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
 Section 19-710(j)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1987 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
 Section 354HH, 470Y, and 477-II
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 13. PRIVATE REVIEW AGENTS

19-1301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.