

(3) WHENEVER THE STATE COMMENCES A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR THE UNITED STATES COMMENCES A CRIMINAL ANTITRUST PROCEEDING UNDER THE FEDERAL ANTITRUST LAWS, ANY CIVIL ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING SHALL BE COMMENCED WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROCEEDING OR WITHIN 4 YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUED, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

CHAPTER 633

(Senate Bill 389)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance – Mental Illness – Discrimination**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting each hospital or major medical contract or certificate delivered or issued for delivery in the State by a nonprofit health service organization or a health maintenance organization ~~or~~ and certain contracts and policies delivered or issued for delivery to an employer or an individual on a group or individual basis that provides benefits and services for diseases or sicknesses from discriminating against any person with a mental illness by failing to provide certain coverage for mental illness under the same terms and conditions as provided for any other type of health care; allowing a waiver for coverage for mental illness under certain circumstances; providing for the application of the waiver; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for mental illness.

BY adding to

- Article 48A – Insurance Code
- Section 354(c) and 490R
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

- Article – Health – General
- Section 19-703(f)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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