

~~WHEREAS, The Study found that the locus of care has shifted from the acute hospital setting to individuals' homes and that this shift requires a need for high technology home medical equipment to support the individual at home; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has available an accreditation procedure for home medical equipment providers; and~~

~~WHEREAS, State licensure of home medical equipment providers is desirable to ensure that adequate quality of care is provided; and~~

~~WHEREAS, State licensure of home medical equipment providers is desirable to ensure that there is appropriate screening of these providers; and~~

~~WHEREAS, State licensure of home medical equipment providers is desirable to ensure that the public authority exists to investigate complaints of fraud and overcharging; now, therefore,~~

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

### Article - Health - General

#### SUBTITLE 17. HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDERS

~~19-1701.~~

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

~~(B) "HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT, TO AN UNRELATED SICK OR DISABLED INDIVIDUAL IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL A NONINSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT.~~

#### *Subtitle 4A. Residential Service Agencies*

19-4A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Home health care" includes any of the following services:

- (1) Audiology and speech pathology;
- (2) Dietary and nutritional services;
- (3) Drug services;
- (4) Home health aide;
- (5) Laboratory;
- (6) Medical social services;