

Act; and generally relating to insurance and voluntary noncontractual religious publication arrangements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 9

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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Section 1-202

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(As enacted by Chapter __ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

9.

No provision of this article shall apply with respect to:

(1) Fraternal benefit societies, except as stated in Subtitle 19 (Fraternal Benefit Societies).

(2) Nonprofit health service plans, except as otherwise provided in this article.

(3) A VOLUNTARY NONCONTRACTUAL RELIGIOUS PUBLICATION ARRANGEMENT THAT:

(I) IS A NONPROFIT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH THE STATE MAY NOT BE HELD IN ANY WAY LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF ITS DEBTS, CLAIMS, OBLIGATIONS, OR LIABILITIES;

(II) PUBLISHES A NEWSLETTER WHOSE SUBSCRIBERS ARE LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME DENOMINATION OR RELIGION;

(III) ACTS AS AN ORGANIZATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION BETWEEN SUBSCRIBERS WHO HAVE ~~FINANCIAL, PHYSICAL, OR MEDICAL NEEDS~~ COSTS AND SUBSCRIBERS WHO CHOOSE TO ASSIST WITH THOSE NEEDS COSTS;

(IV) MATCHES SUBSCRIBERS WITH A WILLINGNESS TO PAY AND SUBSCRIBERS WITH PRESENT NEEDS MEDICAL COSTS;

(V) COORDINATES PAYMENTS DIRECTLY FROM ONE SUBSCRIBER TO ANOTHER;