

CHAPTER 24**(Senate Bill 276)**

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Prohibiting Use of Genetic Information Tests

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from using ~~certain genetic information~~ a genetic test to affect health insurance policies or contracts; ~~establishing certain remedies for individuals injured by a violation of this Act~~ authorizing the Commissioner to issue a certain order under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; altering certain provisions of law regarding unfair discrimination in certain rates and health insurance premiums; and generally relating to the use of ~~certain genetic information~~ a genetic test by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 223

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 223.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-706(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code

223.

(a) (1) No person shall make or permit any unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life in the rates charged for any contract of life insurance or of life annuity or in the dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or in any other of the terms and conditions of such contract.