

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 128

(Senate Bill 69)

AN ACT concerning

Small Employer Group Health Insurance – Qualifications of Small Employer – Definition

FOR the purpose of broadening the group of self-employed individuals or sole proprietorships that qualify as small employers for the purpose of eligibility under the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to request documentation from certain persons for a certain purpose; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to small employer group health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 698(q)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 698(q)(9)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15-1203(b)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15-1203(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)