

funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 185

(Senate Bill 545)

AN ACT concerning

Disclosure of Medical Records – Compulsory Process – Notice to Person in Interest

FOR the purpose of requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without the authorization of a person in interest in accordance with compulsory process, if the subpoena, summons, warrant, or court order has been served on the person whose records are sought by the party seeking disclosure or production of the records; making a certain ~~exception~~ exceptions; clarifying that certain provisions of law apply to the disclosure of certain medical records; defining a certain term; requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record, without the authorization of a person in interest, to grand juries, prosecution agencies, law enforcement agencies or their agents or employees, and the Maryland Insurance Administration under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the disclosure of medical records by health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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