CHAPTER 198

(Senate Bill 724)

AN ACT concerning

Life Insurance and Health Insurance - Rejection of Application - Statement of Actual Reason for Rejection | Health Insurers and Life Insurers - Disclosure of Medical Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a life or health insurer, when the insurer rejects an application for a policy, to provide the applicant with a certain notice and a certain statement of the actual reason for rejection under certain circumstances; establishing certain form and content requirements for the statement of actual reason; providing that a statement of actual reason is privileged under certain circumstances; requiring an insurer to file a copy of each statement of actual reason with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and generally relating to the statement of actual reason for rejection of an application in life insurance and health insurance.

FOR the purpose of requiring certain medical files on applicants compiled by health insurers and life insurers to be made available for inspection to a physician of the applicant's choice under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain insurer to disclose certain medical information to a physician of an insured's choice under certain circumstances; requiring a life insurer that denies a policy of life insurance to an applicant to disclose to a certain physician the results of a certain medical examination on request of the applicant; and generally relating to requirements for health insurers and life insurers to disclose medical information.

BY adding to

Article Insurance

Section 27 911

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 4-402(a) and 4-403(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995 and Chapter _____ (H.B. 387) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 4-404