SECTION 4. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act-shall take effect October -1, 1997 and shall remain in effect until the expiration of \$ 13-810(a)(22) as enacted by Chapter 304 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996.

SECTION 6. AND BE-IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect at that time when Section 2 of this Act no longer has any force or effect.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 598

(Senate Bill 530)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Disciplinary Authority

FOR the purpose of altering a certain ground for discipline of physicians; adding certain grounds for discipline of physicians; altering certain provisions of law requiring the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to conduct certain hearings under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to disclose certain information concerning criminal activity to a law enforcement or prosecutorial official; authorizing requiring the Board to provide portions of certain transcripts to certain persons; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the disciplinary authority of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-404(a)(13), (35), and (36), 14-405(a), 14-409, and 14-411(k) and (m) through (p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-404(a)(37) through (40)

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: