30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

## CHAPTER 162

(Senate Bill 250)

AN ACT concerning

## Health Insurance - Retroactive Denial of Reimbursement - Improper Coding

FOR the purpose of defining what constitutes improper coding for the purposes of clarifying the circumstances under which the limitation of retroactive denial of reimbursement is effective; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to retroactive denial of reimbursement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-1008

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

## Article - Insurance

15-1008.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) "Carrier" means:
    - (i) an insurer;
    - (ii) a nonprofit health service plan;
    - (iii) a health maintenance organization;
    - (iv) a dental plan organization; or
- (v) any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.
  - (3) "CODE" MEANS: