

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-2A-04.

(c) (1) Within 20 days after the [time for filing a response] FILING OF THE CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT, OR, IN A CASE IN WHICH LACK OF INFORMED CONSENT IS THE SOLE ISSUE, WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE, the Director shall deliver to each party the names of 6 persons chosen at random from the attorney categorical list prepared by him pursuant to § 3-2A-03(c), together with a brief biographical statement as to each of these persons.

(2) No later than 20 days after receiving notice of the [scheduling of the prehearing conference] SCHEDULED HEARING, the Director shall deliver to each party the names of 6 persons chosen at random from each of the remaining categorical lists prepared by him pursuant to § 3-2A-03(c), together with a brief biographical statement as to each of these persons. If the claim or the response states that the matter falls within one or more recognized specialties, the Director, if practicable, shall include persons in the specialty on the list from the health care provider category. Before delivering each list, the Director shall inquire of the persons selected and assure himself that they do not have a personal or economic relationship with any of the parties or their counsel, or any cases in which they are a party before the arbitration office, that can form the basis of any partiality on their part. If, in the judgment of the Director, a person selected has such a relationship with a party, his name shall be replaced by another chosen at random.

(3) The biographical statements sent to the parties under this subsection shall have been updated within 2 years.

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

Approved April 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 165
(Senate Bill 276)

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel - Employee-to-Employee Leave Donation Program

FOR the purpose of allowing a State employee to receive and use donations of unused annual, sick, or personal leave under the Employee-to-Employee Leave