

CHAPTER 434**(House Bill 603)**

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions - Disclosure of Information and Service of Process

FOR the purpose of requiring an insurer or a person that has a self-insurance plan to provide certain information on the ~~whereabouts~~ last known address of a defendant who is insured under the insurance policy or self-insurance plan under certain circumstances; providing that an insurer or a person that has a self-insurance plan, and their employees and agents, who provide certain information required by this Act are not subject to certain liability; authorizing certain service of process under certain circumstances; providing that certain defenses are not affected by this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to service of process.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 6-311 and 6-312

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

6-311.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PERSON" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN RULE 1-202 OF THE MARYLAND RULES.

(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN ACTION AGAINST A PERSON WHO HAD APPLICABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER AN INSURANCE POLICY OR SELF-INSURANCE PLAN AT THE TIME THE ALLEGED LIABILITY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ACTION WAS INCURRED.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PERSON WHO IS A DEFENDANT SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT, COUNTERCLAIM, CROSS-CLAIM, OR THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT.

(C) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION, ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF A PARTY TO THE ACTION, AN INSURER OR A PERSON THAT HAS A SELF-INSURANCE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PARTY ~~ANY INFORMATION KNOWN TO THE INSURER OR THE PERSON THAT HAS THE SELF-INSURANCE PLAN CONCERNING THE DEFENDANT'S WHEREABOUTS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANT'S LAST KNOWN HOME ADDRESS IF KNOWN.~~