

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 610

AN ACT concerning

Physicians and Volunteers Volunteer Health Care Providers and Physicians **- Charitable Organizations - Definition**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of a charitable organization in regard to ~~physicians and volunteers providing health care services; and generally relating to immunities for physicians and volunteers~~ provisions of law providing immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances for certain volunteer health care providers and physicians; providing immunity from liability under certain circumstances for certain volunteers who render health care services through a charitable organization; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to immunity from civil liability for certain volunteer health care providers and physicians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-606

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

5-606.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Charitable organization" means ~~an~~:

(I) AN organization, institution, association, society, ~~for~~ corporation, ~~OR MEDICAL SOCIETY~~ that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) ~~OR~~ (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, except licensed hospitals; OR

(II) A MEDICAL SOCIETY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(3) "Compensation" does not include actual and necessary expenses that are incurred by a volunteer or physician in connection with the services provided or the duties performed by the volunteer or physician on behalf of a charitable organization, and that are reimbursed to the volunteer or physician or otherwise paid.