

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

Approved April 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 51
(House Bill 862)

AN ACT concerning

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance Act of 1999

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the denial of health insurance to certain individuals based upon the individuals' genetic information; prohibiting the requirement of genetic information for the purpose of determining whether to issue or renew health benefits coverage; prohibiting the disclosure of genetic information without the prior written authorization of the individual from whom the genetic information was obtained for each disclosure; identifying permissible purposes for disclosure of an individual's genetic information; defining certain terms; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that relate to the use of genetic tests; and generally relating to health benefits and genetic information.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 27-909

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 24 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

Section 2

BY repealing

Chapter 70 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 21, 23, and 26

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

Article - Insurance

27-909.

(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.