

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000, ~~and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2000.~~

Approved April 25, 2000.

**CHAPTER 131**

**(House Bill 497)**

AN ACT concerning

**Evidence - Health Care Records and Writings**

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of the term "health care provider" to include certain health care facilities, agencies, institutions, services, programs, and other health care providers ~~licensed in~~ regulated by another state to provide health care services for the purpose of making certain records and writings of the health care facilities, agencies, institutions, services, programs, and other health care providers admissible in certain civil trials without certain testimony; defining a certain term; clarifying language; providing for application of this Act; and generally relating to the admissibility of certain health care records and writings as evidence of certain matters in certain civil trials.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-2A-01(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 10-104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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-01.

(e) "Health care provider" means a hospital, a related institution as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article, a physician, an osteopath, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a dentist, a podiatrist, a psychologist, a licensed certified social worker-clinical, and a physical therapist,