

Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas, shall is strongly encouraged to facilitate the expansion of high-speed telecommunication and data transmission services and facilities into underserved rural areas of the State by matching existing and significant potential demand with private and public providers of these services and facilities; and

~~(d) On or before January 1, 2004, the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Department of Budget and Management shall report jointly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on their progress in complying with this section.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 321

(House Bill 700)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Private Review Agents - Certification

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to consider an applicant to become a private review agent as having met a particular certification requirement under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; requiring that a certain report be made available to the public on request; and generally relating to the certification of private review agents.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-10B-03

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

15-10B-03.

(a) A private review agent may not conduct utilization review in this State unless the Commissioner has granted the private review agent a certificate.