

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 14–102, 14–106, 14–107, 14–109 through 14–111, 14–115, 14–116(a), 14–126(a), 14–133(c), 14–139, and 14–504(b)

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Section 14–116(b) and (c) and 14–504(a)

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BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 14–116(f)

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Article – State Government

Section 2–10A–08

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Article – State Government

Section 6.5–203(h)

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland's Blue Cross Plan was created by statute in 1937 as a charitable and benevolent organization for the benefit and common good of the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans were consolidated into a single nonprofit corporation in 1985 to create Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland, Inc., merged with Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., in 1997, and CareFirst, Inc., was formed as a holding company; and