

persons who offer the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan adopted in accordance with item (1) of this subsection].

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

**Article—Insurance**

~~15-1207.~~

~~(e) (1) Subject to [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, the Commission shall exclude or limit benefits or adjust cost sharing arrangements in the Standard Plan if the average rate for the Standard Plan exceeds 10% of the average annual wage in the State.~~

~~(2) The Commission annually shall determine the average rate for the Standard Plan by using the average rate submitted by each carrier that offers the Standard Plan.~~

~~(3) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE STANDARD PLAN THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

Approved May 11, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 387**

**(House Bill 944)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Acupuncture Board – Maryland Acupuncture Act – Revisions**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain prosecutions under the Maryland Acupuncture Act be instituted within a certain time period; altering the term of the members of the State Acupuncture Board; providing that certain licensees have a certain grace period for license renewal under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from placing licensees on inactive status for more than a certain time period; requiring the Board to reactivate a license under certain circumstances; authorizing, instead of requiring, the Board to reinstate certain licenses under certain circumstances; providing for the reinstatement of certain licenses under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from assessing a certain fee on certain licensees under certain circumstances; requiring certain individuals to obtain a certain license in a certain manner; establishing certain grounds for disciplinary action against certain licensees; ~~authorizing the Board chairman to delegate certain authority to conduct certain hearings to a certain~~