

- (i) 1.5% from the 31st day through the 60th day;
- (ii) 2% from the 61st day through the 120th day; and
- (iii) 2.5% after the 120th day.

(2) The interest paid under this subsection shall be included in any late reimbursement without the necessity for the person that filed the original claim to make an additional claim for that interest.

(g) An insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that violates a provision of this section is subject to:

(1) a fine not exceeding \$500 for each violation that is arbitrary and capricious, based on all available information; and

(2) the penalties prescribed under § 4-113(d) of this article for violations committed with a frequency that indicates a general business practice.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 156

(House Bill 187)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Highways – Solicitation of Money or Donations from Occupants of Vehicles – County Licensing Program Authorized

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Anne Arundel County Council to enact, by ordinance, a certain licensing program for individuals who are of a certain age or older and certain organizations that wish to solicit money or donations from the occupants of vehicles by standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection in Anne Arundel County; providing that the licensing program, if enacted, may impose a fee for the license in an amount not to exceed the county's cost to administer the licensing program and may provide for an exemption for an individual who is unable to pay the fee ~~and any other exemption from the fee that the county council considers appropriate or necessary~~; requiring an ordinance that imposes a fee under this Act on an applicant that is a qualified organization organized on a national or statewide basis and having more than one county or local chapter in the State to impose one fee to be paid by the national or statewide organization to cover all of the county or local chapters in the State; providing that if the county council enacts a licensing program authorized by this Act, an individual or organization that decides not to seek to become licensed under the program ~~or that is denied a license under the program~~ is prohibited from standing in a roadway, median divider, or