

~~(ii) would be limited to a high risk medical specialty such as the practice of obstetrics;~~

~~(iii) would use an administrative tribunal to hear medical injury claims instead of a jury, with the tribunal's decision being the exclusive remedy for the claim, and with the claimant having a limited right of appeal of the tribunal's decision to an administrative law judge; and~~

~~(iv) would compensate injured patients according to a schedule of damages for specific injuries.~~

~~(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before June 30, 2007.~~

~~SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 14 shall remain effective through June 30, 2007, and, at the end of June 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 14 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall propose legislation during the 2006 Session of the Maryland General Assembly to provide an alternative mechanism for distribution of the money in the Maryland Medical Professional Liability Insurance Rate Stabilization Fund.

SECTION 14. 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to ~~Section 12 Sections 12 and 13~~ Section 12 of this Act, this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. If this Act does not secure sufficient votes to pass as an emergency measure, it shall take effect January 1, 2005, pursuant to Article III, § 31 of the Maryland Constitution.

Enacted January 11, 2005.

CHAPTER 6

(House Bill 73 of the 2004 Regular Session)

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act - Standing to File a Petition Alleging Violation of the Act

FOR the purpose of authorizing any person to file with a circuit court that has venue a certain petition if a public body fails to comply with certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to an alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,