

health care practitioner in an amount less than the global fee, capitation rate, or per unit sum or rate being paid to the health care practitioner on November 1, 2004; and

(b) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall study the impact of the reimbursement requirements in subsection (a) of this Section on access to health care, health care costs, and the health insurance market and shall report the results of its study to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before January 1, 2006.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 11 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3 years~~ 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of ~~December 31, 2007~~ June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 11 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) A task force shall be established to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility and desirability of the State adopting a medical malpractice insurance market model identical or similar to the excess coverage fund in Kansas.

(b) (1) The task force shall consist of 15 members, of whom:

(i) three shall be members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and

(ii) three shall be members of the Senate appointed by the President; ~~and~~.

(2) ~~the~~ The following members shall be appointed by the Governor:

(i) the Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland;

(iii) a representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(iv) four representatives of insurers that write professional liability insurance coverage in the State;

(v) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and

(vi) the Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

(3) The President and the Speaker shall appoint co-chairs from among the members.

(c) In developing its recommendations, the task force shall consider:

(1) whether an excess coverage model will: