

(i) The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall conduct an annual audit to verify the information submitted by a medical professional liability insurer applying for reimbursement from the Rate Stabilization Account.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

CHAPTER 176

(Senate Bill 678)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Human Relations Commission – Hearings and Civil Actions – Relief

FOR the purpose of altering various provisions of the Maryland Human Relations Commission law; ~~providing that an administrative law judge oversees certain proceedings before the Commission; providing~~ requiring certain cases to be heard by an administrative law judge, rather than a hearing examiner; requiring that a complaint of discrimination and certain documents shall be certified to the general counsel of the Commission rather than the Commission chairman; altering the circumstances under which a certification is required to be made; requiring that the Executive Director of the Commission, rather than the Commission chairman, cause a certain notice to be issued and served; providing a process for electing to file a civil action rather than an administrative hearing concerning certain acts of discrimination; authorizing a complainant to bring a civil action alleging a discriminatory act or elect to have a civil action brought by the Commission; providing a process for the filing of a civil action by the Commission or a complainant; expanding the relief available for certain acts of discrimination to include an award of certain compensatory damages, punitive damages, and attorney attorney's fees and expert witness fees under certain circumstances; establishing that certain limitations on compensatory and punitive damages shall increase by a certain amount each year; authorizing a complainant to demand a trial by jury under certain circumstances; providing a process for a certain person or the Commission to intervene in a civil action brought by the Commission certain civil actions; authorizing the court to award certain relief to an intervening person party; making stylistic and conforming changes; repealing certain obsolete provisions;