Approved April 30, 1991.

## **CHAPTER 214**

(House Bill 618)

AN ACT concerning

## Health Insurance - Interest on Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of interest an insurer or nonprofit health service plan must pay on certain reimbursements not paid within a certain time; prohibiting an insurer or nonprofit health service plan from including interest paid on a late reimbursement as a claim settlement expense in a rate filing providing for a delayed effective date; requiring an insurer or nonprofit health service plan acting as a third party administrator to pay interest on late reimbursements under certain circumstances; and generally relating to interest on late reimbursements by insurers and nonprofit health service plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 354Z(a), 470U(a), and 477AA(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 354Z(b), 470(b), and 477AA(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 48A - Insurance Code

354Z.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy or contract issued by a nonprofit health service plan, or any certificate issued thereunder, of health, sickness, accident, or disability insurance, delivered or issued for delivery within the State, whenever such policy, contract, or certificate provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a health care provider duly licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the insured, or any other person covered by, or