

Approved May 14, 1991.

CHAPTER 286

(Senate Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Practitioners – Referral of Patients

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing an employee of the health care practitioner to refer a patient to certain health care services in which the practitioner, the practitioner's immediate family, or the practitioner in combination with the practitioner's immediate family owns a significant beneficial interest; providing certain exceptions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner to disclose certain information under certain circumstances; defining terms; providing for certain disciplinary actions; and generally relating to the referral of patients by health care practitioners to certain health care services.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1-206

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health Occupations

1-206.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "GROUP PRACTICE" MEANS A GROUP OF 2 OR MORE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS LEGALLY ORGANIZED AS A PARTNERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, FOUNDATION, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, FACULTY PRACTICE PLAN, OR SIMILAR ASSOCIATION:

(1) IN WHICH EACH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP PROVIDES SUBSTANTIALLY THE FULL RANGE OF SERVICES WHICH THE PRACTITIONER ROUTINELY PROVIDES THROUGH THE JOINT USE OF SHARED OFFICE SPACE, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL;