- (2) PAY OR AGREE TO PAY ANY SUM TO, OR ACCEPT OR AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY SUM FROM, ANY PERSON FOR BRINGING OR REFERRING A PATIENT TO THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT; OR
- (3) PROVIDE FOR DIFFERENT INSURANCE COVERAGE OR BENEFITS BASED ON RECEIVING THE SERVICE FROM A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IN WHICH THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OWNS A SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIAL INTEREST.
- (C) A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EITHER AFFILIATED WITH, UNDER CONTRACT WITH, OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT MAY REFER A PATIENT WHO HAS UNDERGONE UTILIZATION REVIEW BY THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REGULATED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE IF:
- $\,$ (1) (I) The patient or provider requests the private review agent to provide the patient with the name of a health care provider appropriate to meet the health care needs of the patient; or
 - (II) THE PATIENT HAS NO ATTENDING PHYSICIAN; AND
- (2) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT PROVIDES THE PATIENT WITH THE NAMES OF AT LEAST 2 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT. 19–1312.
- (A) A person who violates any provision of this subtitle or any regulation adopted under this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000. Each day a violation is continued after the first conviction is a separate offense.
- (B) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY OF UP TO \$1,000 FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 14, 1991.