

(c) If the Commissioner notifies the insurer that the form or premium rate is disapproved, it is unlawful thereafter for the insurer to issue or use such form or rates. In the notice, the Commissioner shall specify the reason for his disapproval and state that a hearing will be granted within twenty (20) days after request in writing by the insurer. No policy, certificate of insurance, notice of proposed insurance, nor any application, endorsement, rider or premium rate shall be issued or used until the expiration of the [forty-five] 60 days after it has been filed, unless the Commissioner shall give his prior written approval thereto.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1992.

Approved May 5, 1992.

CHAPTER 83

(Senate Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Benefits for Treatment of Drug Abuse

FOR the purpose of repealing an obsolete provision of law concerning a requirement that certain health contracts offer coverage for treatment of drug abuse; and generally relating to benefits for treatment of drug abuse.

BY repealing

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 477S

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 490F

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code

[477S.

(a) This section applies only if an initial enrollment of at least 25 certificate holders reasonably can be expected under a new or expanded group policy.