

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 415

(Senate Bill 651)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations - Medical Review Committees - Confidential Information

FOR the purpose of adding accreditation organizations to the list of organizations that are prohibited from ~~obtaining~~ releasing certain confidential information under certain circumstances; prohibiting the release of certain confidential information to certain organizations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the confidential information of medical review committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-501.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

14-501.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Alternative health care system" means a system of health care delivery other than a hospital or related institution.

(ii) "Alternative health care system" includes:

1. A health maintenance organization;
2. A preferred provider organization;