

(2) ENABLE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE, WITH ONE TELEPHONE CALL, THE NAMES OF THREE CONTRACTED SPECIALIST PROVIDERS FOR THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WHO ALSO HAVE STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A PARTICULAR HOSPITAL IN THE STATE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations, in consultation with the American College of Emergency Physicians, Maryland Chapter, and the Maryland Hospital Association, shall develop a 24-hour toll free telephone access system to enable hospital emergency department providers to determine, with one telephone call:

(1) the primary care provider assigned to a member; and

(2) the names of three contracted specialist providers for a health maintenance organization who also have staff privileges at a particular hospital in the State.

(b) The Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations shall provide a report on the system to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by January 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1998 July 1, 1998.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 364

(Senate Bill 486)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Tort Claims Act – Baltimore City Police Department

FOR the purpose of including the Baltimore City Police Department within the definition of local government for purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the Baltimore City Police Department~~ including the Baltimore City Police Department and its employees within the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)