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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Reconstructive Breast Surgery - Coverage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
4 health maintenance organizations provide coverage for certain reconstructive breast
5 surgery; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the provision of coverage
6 for certain reconstructive breast surgery.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 48A - Insurance Code
9 Section 490FF
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 19-706(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

20 490FF.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" MEANS
22 SURGERY PERFORMED, FOLLOWING A MASTECTOMY, ON ONE BREAST OR BOTH
23 BREASTS TO REESTABLISH SYMMETRY BETWEEN THE TWO BREASTS.

24 (2) "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" INCLUDES AUGMENTATION
25 MAMMOPLASTY, REDUCTION MAMMOPLASTY, AND MASTOPEXY.

26 (B) AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT PROVIDES
27 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS FOR ISSUANCE OR DELIVERY IN THE
28 STATE TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS,
29 INCLUDING A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE
30 FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY.

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1 **Article - Health - General**

2 19-706.

3 (d) (1) The provisions of Article 48A, § 58A of the Code and Article48A,
4 Subtitles 9A and 11 shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

5 (2) THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, § 490FF OF THE CODE SHALL
6 APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1996.