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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Mandated Coverage - Prostate Specific Antigen Test**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers to provide coverage for an annual
4 blood test called the prostate specific antigen test for men of a certain age.

5 BY adding to

6 Article 48A - Insurance Code

7 Section 354RR, 470HH, and 477RR

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

12 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

13 354RR.

14 EACH NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE
15 INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE
16 SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OLDER FOR AN ANNUAL BLOOD
17 TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA).

18 470HH.

19 EACH HOSPITAL OR MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY WRITTEN ON AN
20 EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE
21 STATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OVER FOR AN ANNUAL
22 BLOOD TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA).

23 477RR.

24 EACH GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY WRITTEN ON AN
25 EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE
26 STATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OVER FOR AN ANNUAL
27 BLOOD TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA).

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

