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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Health Insurance - Mandated Coverage - Prostate Specific Antigen Test - Prostate Cancer~~  
 3 ~~Examination~~  
 4 ~~Hospitals~~ **Physicians - Requirements - Educational Materials for Prostate Cancer**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~certain health insurers to provide coverage for an annual~~  
 6 ~~blood test called the prostate specific antigen test~~ digital rectal examination for the  
 7 ~~purpose of detecting prostate cancer for men of a certain age~~ hospitals physicians to  
 8 offer certain educational materials regarding the diagnosis and treatment of  
 9 prostate cancer to certain male patients under certain circumstances; and requiring  
 10 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with certain  
 11 persons, to select, approve, or develop and print and update certain educational  
 12 materials regarding the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

13 ~~BY adding to~~  
 14 ~~Article 48A - Insurance Code~~  
 15 ~~Section 354RR, 470HH, and 477RR~~  
 16 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 17 ~~(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

18 ~~BY adding to~~  
 19 ~~Article - Health - General Health Occupations~~  
 20 ~~Section 14-348.1 14-510~~  
 21 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 22 ~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

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

3 ~~Article 48A – Insurance Code~~

4 ~~354RR.~~

5 ~~EACH NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE~~  
6 ~~INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE~~  
7 ~~SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OLDER FOR AN ANNUAL BLOOD~~  
8 ~~TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA) DIGITAL RECTAL~~  
9 ~~EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING PROSTATE CANCER.~~

10 ~~470HH.~~

11 ~~EACH HOSPITAL OR MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY WRITTEN ON AN~~  
12 ~~EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE~~  
13 ~~STATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OVER FOR AN ANNUAL~~  
14 ~~BLOOD TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA) DIGITAL~~  
15 ~~RECTAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING PROSTATE CANCER.~~

16 ~~477RR.~~

17 ~~EACH GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY WRITTEN ON AN~~  
18 ~~EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS THAT IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE~~  
19 ~~STATE SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEN AGE 50 OR OVER FOR AN ANNUAL~~  
20 ~~BLOOD TEST CALLED THE PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TEST (PSA) DIGITAL~~  
21 ~~RECTAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING PROSTATE CANCER.~~

22 ~~Article - Health – General~~ **Health Occupations**

23 ~~19-348.1 14-510.~~

24 ~~(A) EACH HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN SHALL OFFER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS~~  
25 ~~REGARDING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PROSTATE CANCER TO EACH~~  
26 ~~MALE PATIENT WHEN MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE PATIENT.~~

27 ~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL~~  
28 ~~ASSOCIATION, THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND, AND~~  
29 ~~APPROPRIATE ADVOCACY GROUPS, SHALL SELECT, APPROVE, OR DEVELOP AND~~  
30 ~~PRINT AND UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING THE~~  
31 ~~DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PROSTATE CANCER FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION~~  
32 ~~(A) OF THIS SECTION.~~

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

34 October 1, 1996.

