

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 582

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “altering” and substitute “expanding”; in lines 4 and 5, in each instance, after “facilities” insert “, agencies, institutions, services, and programs”; in line 7, after “court;” insert “providing that certain evidentiary provisions do not apply to certain health care malpractice claims; clarifying language;”; and in line 9, strike “to prove” and substitute “as evidence of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 19 through 25, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” MEANS:

(1) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 3-2A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE;”;

and in line 26, strike “(III)” and substitute “(2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in lines 1, 5, and 7, strike “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

“(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES FILED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 2A OF THIS ARTICLE.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 17, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; and in the same line, strike “paragraph (1)” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 9, after “(d)” insert “(1)”; in line 12, strike “to prove” and substitute “AS EVIDENCE OF”; and after line 14, insert:

“(2) A FINDER OF FACT MAY ATTACH WHATEVER WEIGHT TO A WRITING OR RECORD THAT THE FINDER OF FACT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.”

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, in line 15, after “(e)” insert “(1)”; in line 17, strike “to prove” and substitute “AS EVIDENCE OF”; and after line 18, insert:

“(2) A FINDER OF FACT MAY ATTACH WHATEVER WEIGHT TO A WRITING OR RECORD THAT THE FINDER OF FACT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.”