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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Health Care Providers and Physicians - Immunity - Insurance**
3 **Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a reference to damages in excess of any applicable limit
5 of insurance coverage in certain provisions of law providing immunity from
6 liability for certain volunteer health care providers and physicians who render
7 health care services at or through certain charitable organizations; and
8 generally relating to immunity from civil liability for certain volunteer health
9 care providers and physicians.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 5-606
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 5-606.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) "Charitable organization" means an organization, institution,
21 association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of
22 the Internal Revenue Code, except licensed hospitals.

1 (c) (1) This section does not create, and may not be construed as creating, a
2 new cause of action or substantive legal right against a physician or volunteer who is
3 a health care provider.

4 (2) This section does not affect, and may not be construed as affecting,
5 any immunities from civil liability or defenses established by any other provision of
6 the Code or available at common law, to which a volunteer who is a health care
7 provider or physician may be entitled.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1999.