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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Task Force on Discrimination in Health Care Credentialing Decisions~~  
3 Health Care Credentialing Study

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a Task Force on Discrimination in Health Care~~  
5 ~~Credentialing Decisions; establishing the membership of the Task Force;~~  
6 ~~establishing duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit to the~~  
7 ~~Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Policy Committee a final~~  
8 ~~report on its findings and recommendations; requiring a study on credentialing~~  
9 ~~of health care professionals by a certain institution; requiring a report to the~~  
10 ~~Governor and General Assembly before a certain date, including findings and~~  
11 ~~recommendations; providing for funding of the study; providing for the~~  
12 ~~termination of this Act; and generally relating to physicians, nurse anesthetists,~~  
13 ~~nurse midwives, and social workers and credentialing decisions regarding~~  
14 ~~physicians, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and social workers.~~

15 ~~BY adding to~~  
16 ~~Article Health Occupations~~  
17 ~~Section 14-509~~  
18 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
19 ~~(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

20 Preamble

21 ~~WHEREAS, Over the last few years, there has been an increase in the number~~  
22 ~~of women, people of color, and other minorities who are practicing physicians; and~~



1           (4)     ~~ONE MEMBER FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND~~  
2 ~~HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;~~

3           (5)     ~~TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY~~  
4 ~~ASSURANCE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;~~

5           (6)     ~~TWO MEMBERS FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MEDICAL AND~~  
6 ~~CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND~~

7           (7)     ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND~~  
8 ~~MENTAL HYGIENE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.~~

9     (C)     ~~THE TASK FORCE SHALL:~~

10           (1)     ~~STUDY THE EXCLUSION OF WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND OTHER~~  
11 ~~MINORITIES BY CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING HOSPITALS;~~

12           (2)     ~~CONDUCT HEARINGS AS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE; AND~~

13           (3)     ~~REVIEW FEDERAL AND STATE LAW TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS~~  
14 ~~ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR REDRESS FOR PHYSICIANS COMPLAINING ABOUT~~  
15 ~~EXCLUSION BY HOSPITALS AND CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS.~~

16     (D)     ~~THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND~~  
17 ~~RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE~~  
18 ~~GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY~~  
19 ~~COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2000.~~

20     ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
21 ~~June 1, 2000.~~

22     SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That:

24           (1)     The Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore,  
25 Baltimore City, is directed to study and review federal and State law and hospital  
26 policies, procedures, and requirements related to credentialing to ensure that there is  
27 adequate opportunity for redress of the complaints of physicians, nurse anesthetists,  
28 nurse midwives, and social workers relating to exclusion by hospitals and  
29 credentialing organizations;

30           (2)     Funding for the study shall be as provided in the State budget; and

31           (3)     The Schaefer Center for Public Policy shall submit a report of its  
32 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State  
33 Government Article, to the General Assembly and the Legislative Policy Committee  
34 within 60 days of completion of the study.

35     ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
36 ~~June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of~~

1 November 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
2 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.