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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Health Occupations - Physicians - Medical Review Committees

- 3 FOR the purpose of adding a freestanding ambulatory care facility to the list of
- 4 alternative health care systems that have medical review committees; and
- 5 generally relating to medical review committees.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Health Occupations
- 8 Section 14-501
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 Article - Health Occupations

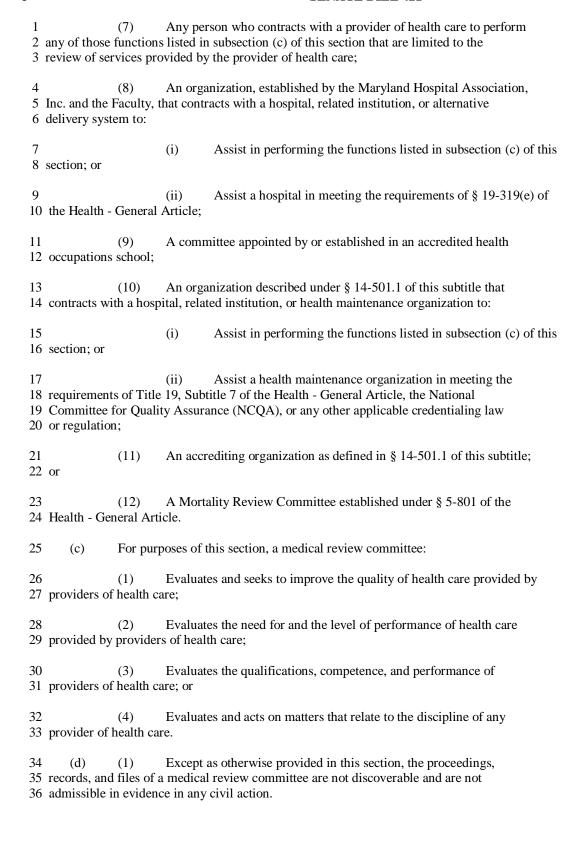
14 14-501.

- 15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 16 (2) (i) "Alternative health care system" means a system of health care 17 delivery other than a hospital or related institution.
- 18 (ii) "Alternative health care system" includes:
- 19 1. A health maintenance organization;
- 20 2. A preferred provider organization;
- 21 3. An independent practice association;
- 4. A community health center that is a nonprofit,
- 23 freestanding ambulatory health care provider governed by a voluntary board of
- 24 directors and that provides primary health care services to the medically indigent;
- 25 [or]

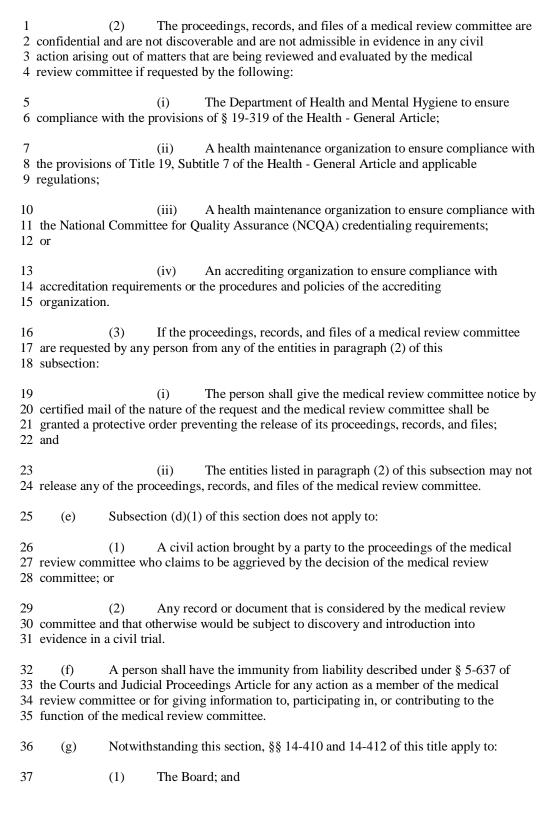
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1			A FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY AS THAT THE HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE; OR	
3 4	medical review committe		Any other health care delivery system that utilizes a	
5	(3) "N	Medical review o	committee" means a committee or board that:	
6 7	i) (i) section; and	Is within	one of the categories described in subsection (b) of this	
8 9	(ii) Performs functions that include at least one of the functions listed in subsection (c) of this section.			
10 11	0 (4) (i) 1 law to provide health car		r of health care" means any person who is licensed by	
14	(ii) "Provider of health care" does not include any nursing institution that is conducted by and for those who rely on treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.			
16 17			stitute for Emergency Medical Services Systems" 3-503 of the Education Article.	
18	8 (b) For purpose	es of this section	n, a medical review committee is:	
19 20	9 (1) A regulatory board or agency established by State or federal law to license, certify, or discipline any provider of health care;			
			e Faculty or any of its component societies or a iety or association composed of providers of	
24 25	4 (3) A of for review purposes;	committee appo	pinted by or established in a local health department	
26 27	6 (4) A of for Emergency Medical s		ointed by or established in the Maryland Institute as;	
30 31 32 33 34 35	9 risk management, creder 0 accordance with § 19-31 1 institution, or alternative 2 related institution, or alte 3 committee or approves the 4 (6) Ar	ntialing, or utilized of the Health care systemative health care systemative health care the written bylaving person, included this States.	te medical staff or other committee, including any cation review committee established in - General Article, of a hospital, related tem, if the governing board of the hospital, care system forms and approves the ws under which the committee operates; ding a professional standard review organization, atte or of the federal government to perform (c) of this section;	

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- 1 (2) A 2 capacity for the Board. Any other entity, to the extent that it is acting in an investigatory
- 3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4 October 1, 2002.