

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 676

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 3 and 5, in each instance, strike “period” and substitute “periods”; in line 5, after “committed;” insert “providing for the application of this Act;”; and in line 6, after “actions” insert “against certain health care providers”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-2A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 16, strike “(a)” and substitute “(B)”; in the same line, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; and in line 18, strike “, as defined in § 3-2A-01 of this article,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) IF A CLAIMANT WAS UNDER THE AGE OF 11 YEARS AT THE TIME THE INJURY WAS COMMITTED, AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR AN INJURY ARISING OUT OF THE RENDERING OF OR FAILURE TO RENDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

(1) SUBJECT TO ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE FILED BEFORE THE CLAIMANT REACHES THE AGE OF 20 YEARS; OR

(2) FOR AN INJURY TO THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM OF THE

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CLAIMANT OR CAUSED BY A FOREIGN OBJECT NEGLIGENTLY LEFT IN THE CLAIMANT’S BODY, SHALL BE FILED BEFORE THE CLAIMANT REACHES THE AGE OF 21 YEARS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 18, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(C)”; in line 21, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(D)”; in line 22, strike “(b)” and substitute “(C)”; in line 24, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “(E)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.”;

and in line 29, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, in line 30, strike “October” and substitute “June”.