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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance - Professional Liability Insurers - Reporting Requirements**

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring insurers providing professional liability insurance to a
- health care provider in the State to submit certain information to the Maryland 4
- 5 Insurance Commissioner; authorizing the Commissioner to require certain
- 6 insurers to submit certain reports; requiring the Commissioner to submit a
- certain report to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before a certain date 7
- 8 each year; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
- reporting requirements for professional liability insurers. 9

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 10

11 MARYLAND, That:

- 12 Every insurer providing professional liability insurance to a health (1)
- 13 care provider in the State shall submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner
- 14 information on:
- 15 (i) the nature and cost of reinsurance;
- 16 the claims experience by category of health care providers; (ii)
- 17 the amount of claims settlements and claims awards; (iii)
- the amount of reserves for claims incurred and incurred but 18 (iv)
- 19 unreported claims;
- 20 the number of structured settlements used in payment of (v)
- 21 claims; and
- 22 any other information relating to health care malpractice claims
- 23 as prescribed by the Commissioner in regulations.
- 24 The Commissioner shall adopt regulations on the submission of (2)
- 25 information in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- 26 The Commissioner may require by regulation insurers of other lines of
- 27 liability insurance to submit reports.

- 1 (c) The Commissioner shall report the Commissioner's findings as to the
- 2 impact of §§ 10-913, 11-108, and 11-109 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
- 3 Article and Chapter 477 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994 on the
- 4 availability of health care malpractice and other liability insurance in the State to the
- 5 Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on or before September 1 of 6 each year.
- 7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 8 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of
- 9 September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 10 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.