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By: **Delegate Brown**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Liability Insurance - Minors - Settlement of Claims**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a parent of a minor or person in loco parentis of the  
4 minor may settle a claim under a liability insurance policy brought by the  
5 parent or person in loco parentis for the benefit of the minor; requiring payment  
6 of the settlement to comply with certain provisions of law; providing for the  
7 application of this Act; and generally relating to settlement of claims under  
8 liability insurance policies for the benefit of a minor.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Insurance  
11 Section 19-113  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Insurance**

17 19-113.

18 (A) A PARENT OF A MINOR OR PERSON IN LOCO PARENTIS OF THE MINOR MAY  
19 SETTLE A CLAIM UNDER A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY BROUGHT BY THE PARENT  
20 OR PERSON IN LOCO PARENTIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MINOR.

21 (B) THE PAYMENT OF A SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM MADE UNDER THIS  
22 SECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MINOR SHALL COMPLY WITH TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 4  
23 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to  
25 claims under policies of liability insurance arising on or after the effective date of this  
26 Act.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 June 1, 2004.

