## **SENATE BILL 193**

J2, C4 SB 882/09 – EHE

By: Senator Klausmeier

AN ACT concerning

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

## A BILL ENTITLED

2	Physicians – Professional Liability Insurance Coverage – Notification and Posting Requirements
1	FOR the nurness of requiring physicians licensed to practice medicine in the State to no

- FOR the purpose of requiring physicians licensed to practice medicine in the State to notify patients in writing and on each visit of certain information relating to professional liability insurance coverage; requiring the notification to be signed by a patient at a certain time; requiring the physicians to retain the notification as part of certain records and, under certain circumstances, post certain information in a certain location in their place of practice; requiring the State Board of Physicians to develop certain language for certain notification requirements; and generally relating to physicians and professional liability insurance.
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- 13 Article Health Occupations
- 14 Section 14–508
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19 Article Health Occupations
- 20 **14–508.**
- 21 (A) EACH LICENSEE PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY A 22 PATIENT IN WRITING AND ON EACH VISIT IF:
- 23 (1) THE LICENSEE DOES NOT MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 24 INSURANCE COVERAGE; OR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) THE LICENSEE'S PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE 2 COVERAGE HAS LAPSED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LICENSEE'S COVERAGE
- 3 HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED.
- 4 (B) THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT UNDER 5 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE:
- 6 (1) SIGNED BY THE PATIENT AT THE TIME OF THE PATIENT'S VISIT;
  7 AND
- 8 (2) RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE AS PART OF THE LICENSEE'S 9 PATIENT RECORDS.
- 10 (C) EACH LICENSEE PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE STATE WHO DOES NOT
  11 MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE SHALL POST THIS
  12 INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION IN THE LICENSEE'S PLACE OF
  13 PRACTICE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall develop appropriate language for the notification requirements provided for in Section 1 of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.