

No. 1978-92

## AN ACT

HB 1934

Amending the act of October 15, 1975 (P.L.390, No.111), entitled "An act relating to medical and health related malpractice insurance, prescribing the powers and duties of the Insurance Department; providing for a joint underwriting plan; the Arbitration Panels for Health Care, compulsory screening of claims; collateral sources requirement; limitation on contingent fee compensation; establishing a Catastrophe Loss Fund; and prescribing penalties," further providing for fees.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 304, act of October 15, 1975 (P.L.390, No.111), known as the "Health Care Services Malpractice Act," is amended to read:

Section 304. Fees Paid by Health Care Providers.—(a) The administration of this act shall be funded in part from fees charged to each health care provider practicing in the Commonwealth and payable to the administrator.

(b) Physicians and podiatrists practicing in the Commonwealth shall be charged **[\$50] \$25** annually.

(c) An annual fee of \$500 shall be charged to each hospital with 250 or more beds. An annual fee of \$350 shall be charged to all other hospitals. An annual fee of \$100 shall be charged to all other health care organizations ***except nursing homes which shall be charged an annual fee of \$50.***

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1978.

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