

No. 1985-78

AN ACT

SB 1074

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 defining the term "health care provider."

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

Section 1. The definition of "health care provider" in section 103 of the act of October 15, 1975 (P.L.390, No.111), known as the Health Care Services Malpractice Act, amended July 15, 1976 (P.L.1028, No.207), is amended to read:

Section 103. Definitions.—As used in this act:

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"Health care provider" means a primary health center or a person, corporation, facility, institution or other entity licensed or approved by the Commonwealth to provide health care or professional medical services as a physician, an osteopathic physician or surgeon, *a certified nurse midwife*, a podiatrist, hospital, nursing home, *birth center*, and except as to section 701(a), an officer, employee or agent of any of them acting in the course and scope of his employment.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of November, A. D. 1985.

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