## **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 1999 Session

## **FISCAL NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 8 (Delegate Hubbard. et al.)

Economic Matters

## **State Regulation of Self-Funded Employer-Based Health Plans**

This joint resolution requests the U. S. Congress to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which currently governs self-funded employer-based health plans and preempts insurance state regulation, to allow states to monitor and regulate self-funded employer-based health plans in order to increase access to care, control costs, and regulate against abuse by health plans.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** As a statement of legislative intent, this joint resolution would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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