

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 328

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute "Health Care Credentialing Study"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 3 down through "recommendations" in line 7 and substitute "requiring a study on credentialing of health care professionals by a certain institution; requiring a report to the Governor and General Assembly before a certain date, including findings and recommendations; providing for funding of the study"; in lines 8 and 9, in each instance, after "physicians" insert ", nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and social workers".

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 19, inclusive; in line 21, after "of" insert "all"; in the same line, after "physicians" insert ", including physicians who are women, people of color, and minorities,"; and after line 21, insert:

"WHEREAS, Credentialing organizations have a profound impact on the ability of nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and social workers to practice their professions; and

WHEREAS, There has been an increase in the number of bills introduced in the General Assembly annually relating to credentialing by hospitals of health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly would be assisted by a study in developing legislation to address credentialing issues; and "

On page 2, in line 2 after "physician" insert ", nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, and social worker"; and strike beginning with "and" in line 3 down through "organizations;" in line 10.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 3 through line 12 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

(Over)

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

(1) The Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore, Baltimore City, is directed to study and review Federal and State law and hospital policies, procedures, and requirements related to credentialing to ensure that there is adequate opportunity for redress of the complaints of physicians, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and social workers relating to exclusion by hospitals and credentialing organizations;

(2) Funding for the study shall be as provided in the State budget; and

(3) The Schaefer Center for Public Policy shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly and the Legislative Policy Committee within 60 days of completion of the study.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of November 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.