

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 328

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 7, after "recommendations;" insert "providing for the termination of this Act;"; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 33, inclusive.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive, and substitute:

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

That:

(a) there is a Task Force on Discrimination in Health Care Credentialing Decisions;

(b) the Task Force consists of the following eight members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) two members of the public, appointed by the Governor;

(4) one member from a list submitted by the Maryland Hospital Association, appointed by the Governor;

(5) one representative of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance, appointed by the Governor;

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(6) one member from a list submitted by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, appointed by the Governor; and

(7) one representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Governor;

(c) the members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force;

(d) the Task Force shall:

(1) study the impact of credentialing organization decisions on women, people of color, and other minorities;

(2) conduct hearings as considered appropriate; and

(3) review federal and State law and hospital policies, procedures, and requirements related to credentialing to ensure that there is adequate opportunity for redress for physicians complaining about exclusion by hospitals and credentialing organizations; and

(e) the Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services and 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 on or before November 30, 2000.

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.”.