

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 570  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 22, after the semicolon insert “authorizing a certain small employer to renew a limited benefit plan under certain circumstances;”; in line 25, strike “members” and substitute “employees”; and in lines 25 and 26, strike “employer’s group” and substitute “employer”.

On page 2, in line 7, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation with certain groups, to develop a certain uniform form that health insurance carriers and producers must use to collect certain information;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, in line 14, strike “25%” and substitute “10%”; in line 24, after “WAGE” insert “OF THE EMPLOYEES”; in line 25, strike “EMPLOYER’S GROUP” and substitute “EMPLOYER”; after line 26, insert:

“(III) A SMALL EMPLOYER THAT QUALIFIES FOR AND CHOOSES THE LIMITED BENEFIT PLAN MAY RENEW THE LIMITED BENEFIT PLAN EVEN IF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SMALL EMPLOYER EXCEEDS 75% OF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE IN THE STATE AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL.”;

in line 31, strike “MEMBERS” and substitute “EMPLOYEES”; and in line 32, strike “EMPLOYER’S GROUP” and substitute “EMPLOYER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, in line 21, strike “and”; and in line 29, after “renewal” insert “; and”

(e) on or before July 1, 2005, the Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation

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with health insurance carriers and producers, shall develop a uniform form that health insurance carriers and producers must use to collect the information necessary to determine that a small employer that applies for coverage under a Limited Health Benefit Plan meets the criteria required under § 15-1209(c)(2)(ii)1 and 2 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act”.