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BY: Senator Reilly

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 116, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Judicial Proceedings Committee Amendments (SB0116/418771/1), in line 5 of Amendment No. 1, after “circumstances;” insert “prohibiting certain fraternal benefit societies from being required to admit an individual as a member or provide insurance benefits to an individual under certain circumstances;”; and in lines 5 and 6, strike “a certain refusal” and substitute “certain refusals”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the bill, in line 4, after “ENACTED,” insert “That:”

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a fraternal benefit society described in § 8-402 of the Insurance Article that is operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious organization may not be required to admit an individual as a member or to provide insurance benefits to an individual if to do so would violate the society’s religious beliefs.

(b) A refusal by a fraternal benefit society described in subsection (a) of this section to admit an individual as a member or to provide insurance benefits to an individual may not create a civil claim or cause of action or constitute the basis for the withholding of governmental benefits or services from the fraternal benefit society.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED.”