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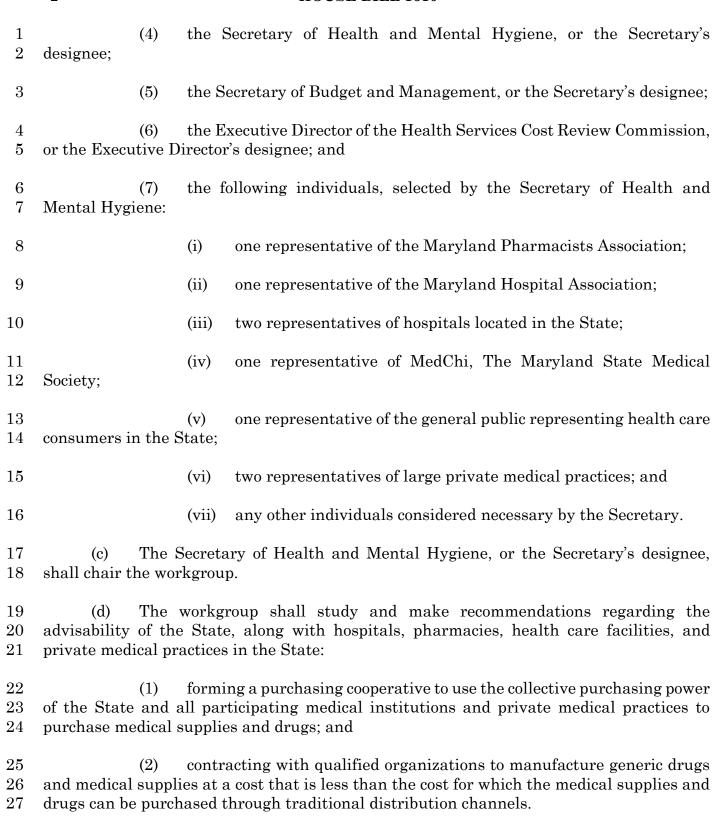
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## Public Health – Generic Drugs and Medical Supplies Purchasing Cooperative Workgroup

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a 5 workgroup to study the advisability of the State forming a generic drugs and medical 6 supplies purchasing cooperative; requiring that the workgroup include certain 7 individuals; requiring the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, to chair the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding 8 9 certain matters; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for 10 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the generic drugs and medical 11 12 supplies purchasing cooperative workgroup.

- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 14 That:
- 15 (a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a workgroup to 16 study the advisability of the State forming a generic drugs and medical supplies purchasing 17 cooperative.
  - (b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include:
- 19 (1) one member of the Senate Finance Committee, selected by the 20 President of the Senate;
- 21 (2) one member of the House Health and Government Operations 22 Committee, selected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;
- 23 (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

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28 (e) On or before January 1, 2018, the workgroup shall report its findings and 29 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State 30 Government Article, the General Assembly.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.