

SB0690/707572/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 690
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Maryland Department of Health – Basic Health Program – Implementation” and substitute “Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission – Basic Health Program – Study”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 3 down through “Program” in line 14 and substitute “Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of the State providing certain Basic Health Program coverage in the State beginning on a certain date; requiring the study to address certain matters; requiring the Commission to include certain findings and recommendations in a certain annual report; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission and the study of the Basic Health Program”; and strike lines 15 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 1(b) and (g)

BY adding to

Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 1(h)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 1(h) and (i)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On pages 2 through 4, strike beginning with line 36 on page 2 through line 16 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2017

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

(b) There is a Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission.

(g) (1) The Commission shall:

(i) monitor potential and actual federal changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, and the Maryland All–Payer Model;

(ii) assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, and the Maryland All–Payer Model; and

(iii) provide recommendations for State and local action to protect access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage.

(2) The duties of the Commission under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include a study that includes:

(i) an assessment of the current and potential adverse effects of the loss of health coverage on the residents, public health, and economy of the State resulting from changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, or the Maryland All–Payer Model;

(ii) an estimate of the costs to the State and State residents of adverse effects from changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, or the Maryland All–Payer Model and the resulting loss of health coverage;

(iii) an examination of measures that may prevent or mitigate the adverse effects of changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, or the Maryland All–Payer Model and the resulting loss of health coverage on the residents, public health, and economy of the State; and

(iv) recommendations for laws that:

1. may be warranted to minimize the adverse effects associated with changes to the ACA, Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, Medicare, or the Maryland All–Payer Model; and

2. will assist residents in obtaining and maintaining affordable health coverage.

(H) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE PROVIDING BASIC HEALTH PROGRAM (BHP) COVERAGE, AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. § 18051, IN THE STATE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020.

(2) THE STUDY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ADDRESS WHETHER THE STATE CAN:

(I) IMPLEMENT BHP TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE COST OF COVERAGE TO SOME OR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOMES AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE POVERTY LINE AND WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID;

(II) PAY FOR BHP HEALTH CARE SERVICES USING FEDERAL BHP FUNDING ONLY AND WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATION OF STATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE;

(III) IMPLEMENT BHP EFFICIENTLY THROUGH EXISTING STATE AGENCIES; AND

(IV) RETAIN ENOUGH COVERED LIVES IN HEALTH PLANS OFFERED THROUGH THE MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE TO ASSURE MARKET STABILITY.

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018, UNDER SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION.

[(h)](I) The Commission may:

(1) hold public meetings across the State to carry out the duties of the Commission; and

(2) convene workgroups to solicit input from stakeholders.

[(i)](J) On or before December 31 each year, the Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On page 4, in line 17, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”; strike beginning with the second comma in line 17 down through the first comma in line 18; and in line 18, strike “July” and substitute “June”.