C3, J1 8lr2318 CF 8lr0605

By: Senator Feldman

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2

3

4 5

6

7

8

9

10

11

Health Insurance - Medicaid Buy-In Task Force

FOR the purpose of establishing the Medicaid Buy–In Task Force; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; authorizing the Secretary of Health to seek and obtain certain grant funding; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Medicaid Buy–In Task Force.

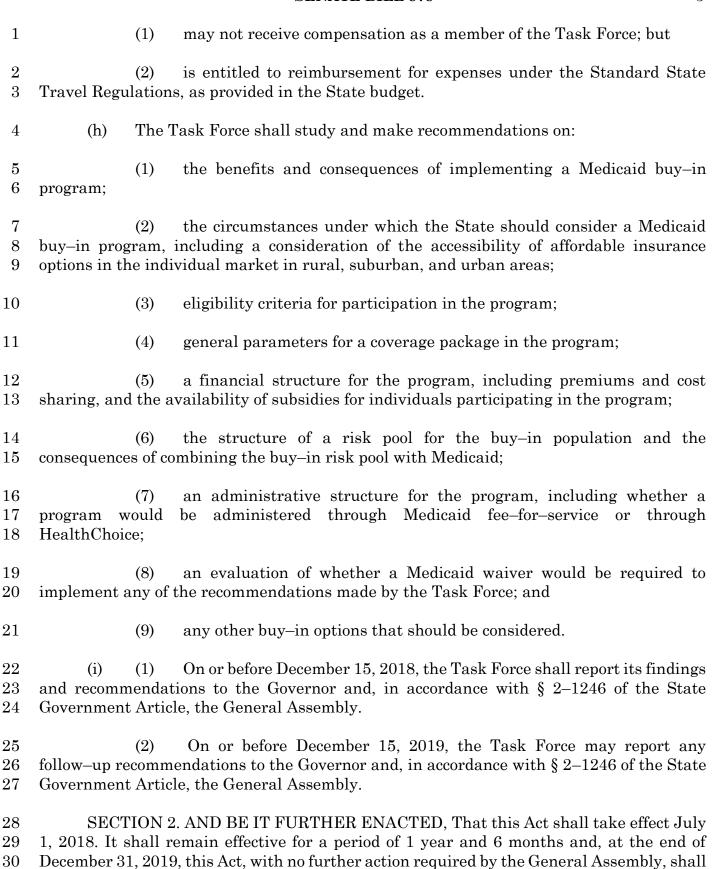
12 Preamble

- WHEREAS, Only two insurers offer coverage in the State's individual health insurance market; and
- WHEREAS, Nine managed care organizations provide coverage to Medicaid enrollees in the State; and
- WHEREAS, Consumers benefit when they have more choices in finding health care coverage that is affordable and meets their needs; and
- WHEREAS, States are considering methods to provide more health care coverage options to individuals in the individual market through State programs such as Medicaid; now, therefore,
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 23 That:
- 24 (a) There is a Medicaid Buy–In Task Force.

- The purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations regarding the 1 (b) 2 feasibility of a Medicaid buy-in program to expand the health care coverage choices 3 available to individuals purchasing coverage. 4 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members: the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee; 5 (1) 6 the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's (2)7 designee: 8 the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, or the Executive Director's designee: 9 10 **(4)** the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; and 11 (5)the following members appointed by the Governor: 12 three representatives from three different consumer advocacy organizations, including an organization that provides direct support to consumers who are 13 not eligible for Medicaid; 14 a representative of a managed care organization; 15 (ii) 16 a representative of an insurance carrier that offers individual (iii) insurance on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: 17 18 a representative of an insurance carrier that does not offer 19 individual insurance on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; and 20 three representatives from health provider organizations. (v) 21(d) The Secretary shall designate the chair of the Task Force. 22(e) (1) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task 23 Force. 24(2)The Department of Legislative Services may consult with staff from the 25Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the 26 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to provide assistance in staffing the Task Force. 27 (f) The Secretary of Health may seek and obtain grant funding to support the
- 29 (g) A member of the Task Force:

28

Task Force.



31

be abrogated and of no further force and effect.