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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 697

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Protections” insert “and Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission”; and in line 3, after the first “of” insert “making a certain finding and declaration of the General Assembly”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “repealing” in line 3 on page 1 down through “changes;” in line 20 on page 2 and substitute “requiring the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to establish a certain workgroup; requiring that the workgroup include certain members; specifying the duties of the workgroup; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; altering the date on which the Commission is required to submit a certain report”.

On page 2, in lines 20 and 21, strike “Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 21 down through “terms;” in line 23; in line 24, after “insurance” insert “and the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission”; in line 25, after “repealing” insert “and reenacting, with amendments”; strike in their entirety lines 30 through 40, inclusive; in line 42, after “2017” insert “, as amended by Chapters 37 and 38 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018”.

On page 3, in line 2, after “2017” insert “, as amended by Chapters 37 and 38 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018”; in line 3, before “2” insert “1(h)(3), (i), and (j) and”; and after line 3, insert:

“BY adding to

Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, as amended by Chapters 37 and 38 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

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Section 1(i)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 7, strike the bracket; after line 7, insert:

“(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH CARE PROTECTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONTINUE TO PROTECT MARYLAND RESIDENTS IN LIGHT OF CONTINUED THREATS TO THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.”;

and in line 8, strike “(a)” and substitute “**(B)**”.

On page 4, in lines 10 and 12, strike “(b)” and “(c)”, respectively, and substitute “**(C)**” and “**(D)**”, respectively; and in line 13, strike the bracket.

On pages 4 through 21, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 4 through line 32 on page 21, inclusive.

On page 21, in line 33, after “**2017**” insert “, as amended by Chapters 37 and 38 of the Acts of 2018”.

On page 22, after line 1, insert:

“(h) (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, [2019] 2020, under subsection [(j)](K) of this section.

(I) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO CARRY OUT THE FINDING AND DECLARATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT IS IN

THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH CARE PROTECTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONTINUE TO PROTECT MARYLAND RESIDENTS IN LIGHT OF CONTINUED THREATS TO THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

(2) THE WORKGROUP SHALL INCLUDE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT NONPROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT CARRIERS, CONSUMERS, AND PROVIDERS.

(3) THE WORKGROUP SHALL:

(I) MONITOR THE APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS IN TEXAS V. UNITED STATES REGARDING THE ACA AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION FOR THE STATE;

(II) MONITOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND

(III) DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER OF ENSURING THAT MARYLAND CONSUMERS CAN OBTAIN AND RETAIN QUALITY HEALTH INSURANCE INDEPENDENT OF ANY ACTION OR INACTION ON THE PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY CHANGES TO FEDERAL LAW OR ITS INTERPRETATION.

(4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKGROUP IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION.

[(i)] (J) The Commission may:

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

(2) convene workgroups to solicit input from stakeholders.

[(j)] (K) 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 22, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 9, inclusive; in line 10, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in the same line, strike “July” and substitute “June”.