

SENATE BILL 867

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By: **Senator Reilly**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Coverage for Diagnostic Laboratory Tests for Lyme Disease**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
4 maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under
5 certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for certain diagnostic
6 laboratory tests for Lyme disease; providing for the application of this Act; providing
7 for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to coverage for diagnostic
8 laboratory testing for Lyme disease.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Insurance

11 Section 15–854

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Insurance**

17 **15–854.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

19 **(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
20 **PROVIDE INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS**
21 **OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE–INCURRED BASIS UNDER POLICIES OR CONTRACTS**
22 **THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

23 **(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR
2 GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

3 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
4 THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONDUCTING A MEDICALLY RECOGNIZED DIAGNOSTIC
5 LABORATORY TEST FOR LYME DISEASE.

6 (C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT APPLY A COPAYMENT,
7 COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT, OR DEDUCTIBLE TO THE COVERAGE REQUIRED
8 UNDER THIS SECTION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
10 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
11 after January 1, 2020.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 January 1, 2020.