

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 204

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "Task Force on Emerging Medical and Surgical Treatments"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 3 down through "conditions" in line 19 and substitute "establishing a Task Force on Emerging Medical and Surgical Treatments; specifying the membership of the Task Force; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to emerging medical and surgical treatments"; strike in their entirety lines 20 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 26, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows".

On pages 1 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 41 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

"(a) The Governor shall convene a Task Force on Emerging Medical and Surgical Treatments to:

(1) Study insurance coverage of emerging medical and surgical treatments;

(2) Examine the processes by which health insurance carriers evaluate emerging medical and surgical treatments for coverage;

(3) Determine whether and what form of State intervention in health insurers' processes is appropriate;

(4) Determine appropriate disclosure of processes for evaluating emerging medical and surgical treatments for health insurance coverage;

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(5) Evaluate the need for State intervention in communications between health care providers and consumers regarding emerging medical and surgical treatments; and

(6) Review any other issues the Task Force considers appropriate pertaining to insurance coverage of emerging medical and surgical treatments.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Two members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) One representative of the University of Maryland Medical School, appointed by the Governor;

(4) One representative of the Johns Hopkins University Medical School, appointed by the Governor;

(5) One representative of the National Institutes of Health, appointed by the Governor;

(6) One representative of the health insurance industry, appointed by the Governor;

(7) One representative of a national nonprofit health maintenance organization, appointed by the Governor;

(8) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(9) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee; and

(10) Two members of the public, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Governor shall select a Chairman of the Task Force, from among its members.

(d) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and,

subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by November 1, 1996.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.