1996 Regular Session

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 957

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "Delegate Busch" and substitute "<u>Delegates Busch</u>, <u>Redmer, Kach, McClenahan, Donoghue, Eckardt, Goldwater, Barve, Mossburg, Exum, Harrison, Kirk, Cummings, Crumlin, Frank, Pendergrass, Schade, Boston, Love, V. Mitchell, Kelly, Krysiak, and Walkup".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, strike "- Rates"; in line 6, strike "and" and substitute "clarifying the date when certain provisions of the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act are applicable to certain self-employed individuals;"; in the same line, after "due" insert "; and generally relating to health insurance in the small employer market"; and after line 11, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Chapter 501 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995</u> <u>Section 4</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

"Chapter 501 of the Acts of 1995

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 of this Act and Article 48A, § 698A of the Code, Article 48A, Subtitle 55 of the Code does not apply to the renewal of any health benefit plan that was issued prior to [the effective date of Section 2 of this Act] JULY 1, 1996 to a self-employed individual by an authorized insurer that does not have any health benefit plan in force on or after [the effective date of this Act] JULY 1, 1996 that provides coverage to a small employer (as that term is defined in Section 2 of Chapter 9

of the Laws of Maryland of 1993) and any renewal of such a plan is not a renewal of a health benefit plan providing coverage to a small employer for any purpose under Article 48A, Subtitle 55 of the Code.".