

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1207

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Guns” and substitute “Guns, Fulton, Redmer, Oaks, Elliott, D. Davis, Ciliberti, Stull, and Frush”; in line 8, strike “external review”; and in line 18, strike “establish” and substitute “adopt certain regulations for”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 38, inclusive, and substitute:

“(5) (I) THE SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT ALL OR PART OF A REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION AS MEETING THE EXTERNAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION USED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS MEETING THE EXTERNAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DISCLOSE AND SHALL TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL ALL CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN A REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-617(D) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(IV) THE DEPARTMENT MAY INSPECT A FACILITY OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO:

1. DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY QUALITY REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

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2. FOLLOW UP ON A SERIOUS PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION; OR

3. INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 34, strike “(I)”;

strike beginning with “SUCH” in line 35 down through “ORGANIZATIONS” in line 37 and substitute “OTHER HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITALS, OR OTHER RELATED INSTITUTIONS”; and strike in their entirety lines 38 and 39, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 11, inclusive; in line 12, strike “(4)” and substitute “(3)”; in lines 13, 36, and 40, in each instance, strike “CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION” and substitute “HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION”; in line 14, strike “ORGANIZATION” and substitute “HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION”; in line 19, strike “ESTABLISHING” and substitute “FOR”; in line 22, strike “IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS” and substitute “AFTER THE SECRETARY REVIEWS THE STANDARDS OF APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSULTS WITH THE FACULTY, THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS”; in line 32, strike “CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS” and substitute “HOSPITALS, RELATED INSTITUTIONS, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS”; in line 35, strike “THE STANDARDS” and substitute “REGULATIONS”; in the same line, strike “BY REGULATION”; and strike beginning with “TO” in line 38 down through “ORGANIZATION” in line 39.