

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 331

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “Nursing Facilities - Disproportionate Share Payment” and substitute “Payments to Nursing Facilities with High Medical Assistance Utilization”; in line 7, after “payment;” insert “providing a certain exception under certain circumstances;”; and in line 9, after “Act;” insert “establishing a certain restriction on the appropriation of certain funds unless a certain amount of those funds is targeted for a certain purpose;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 19 through 23, inclusive; in line 24, strike “(6)” and substitute “(4)”; in line 26, strike “OR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MEDICARE”; strike in their entirety lines 27 through 29, inclusive; in line 32, strike “NON-MEDICARE”; and strike beginning with “IF” in line 33 down through the second “CARE” in line 35.

On page 3, strike beginning with “IN” in line 4 down through “YEARS” in line 5 and substitute “THROUGH TEMPORARY PAYMENT PARAMETER REDUCTIONS IN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGULATIONS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

“(3) IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE STATE BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE ENTIRE DISPROPORTIONATE PAYMENT REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ANY DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENT TO NURSING HOME FACILITIES THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE HELD TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.”

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 17, strike “in an amount sufficient to fund” and substitute “targeted for”; and in line 18, strike “sufficient”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no funds may be appropriated in a supplemental budget for enhancement of Medical Assistance rates paid to nursing homes unless at least one-half of those funds are targeted to the disproportionate share payment created by this Act.”; and in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.