

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 482
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “the reimbursement of” and substitute “authorization for utilizing”; in line 12, after “of” insert “a portion of”; in the same line, after “Act;” insert “requiring development of a 24-hour toll free telephone access system; requiring a certain report;”.

On page 2, in line 2, after “19-705.6” insert “and 19-705.7”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 36, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “including providing” and substitute “INCLUDING:

(I) PROVIDING”;

in line 38, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “INCLUDING” and substitute “; AND”.

On page 5, in line 1, before “PROVIDING” insert “(II)”; in line 2, after “SYSTEM” insert “FOR USE IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 5 down through line 2 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 3, strike “(C)” and substitute “(A)”; after line 13 insert:

“(B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO HAVE CONTRACTED SPECIALIST PROVIDERS AT HOSPITALS OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(Over)

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-705.7.

THE 24-HOUR TOLL FREE TELEPHONE ACCESS SYSTEM PROVIDED BY EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL:

(1) ENABLE MEMBERS AND PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE, WITH ONE TELEPHONE CALL, THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED TO A MEMBER; AND

(2) ENABLE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE, WITH ONE TELEPHONE CALL, THE NAMES OF THREE CONTRACTED SPECIALIST PROVIDERS FOR THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WHO ALSO HAVE STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A PARTICULAR HOSPITAL IN THE STATE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, before line 14, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations, in consultation with the American College of Emergency Physicians, Maryland Chapter, and the Maryland Hospital Association, shall develop a 24-hour toll free telephone access system to enable hospital emergency department providers to determine, with one telephone call:

(1) the primary care provider assigned to a member; and

(2) the names of three contracted specialist providers for a health maintenance organization who also have staff privileges at a particular hospital in the State.

(b) The Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations shall provide a report on the system to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by January 1, 1998.”;

in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 2 of”; in line 15, strike “January 1, 1998” and substitute “July 1, 1998”; after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.”.