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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 333

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after the semicolon insert "<u>requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a certain study and report by a certain date; providing for the termination of a provision of this Act;</u>"; and after line 26, insert:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall conduct a follow-up to the study conducted in 1996 examining the effect of the provisions of § 19-712.5(c) of the Health - General Article on the billing patterns of hospitals and emergency physicians. The Commission shall report the results of the study by January 31, 1998 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 10, strike "2." and substitute "4."; and in line 14, after the period insert "At the end of July 1, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".