

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 598

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “providing for the continuation of a certain requirement that health maintenance organizations reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider for certain medical screening services rendered;”; in line 9, after the semicolon insert “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;”; and strike in its entirety line 11 and substitute “BY adding to”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY AND PROVIDER, LESS ANY APPLICABLE CO-PAYMENTS, FOR MEDICAL SCREENING SERVICES RENDERED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ACTIVE LABOR ACT.”;

after line 6, insert:

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

after line 19, 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

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emergency physicians. The Commission shall report the results of the study on or before January 31, 1999 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.”;

in line 20, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 24, after the period insert “At the end of July 1, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.