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**By: Delegate Donoghue**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Small Employer Groups - Health Benefit Plans**

3 FOR the purpose of making the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act applicable to  
4 health benefit plans issued through certain employee leasing organizations.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Insurance

7 Section 15-1201(f)

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

10 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Insurance**

14 15-1201.

15 (f) (1) "Health benefit plan" means:

16 (i) a policy or certificate for hospital or medical benefits;

17 (ii) a nonprofit health service plan; or

18 (iii) a health maintenance organization subscriber or group master  
19 contract.

20 (2) "Health benefit plan" includes a policy or certificate for hospital or  
21 medical benefits THAT COVERS RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE  
22 EMPLOYEES AND that is issued through:

23 (I) a multiple employer trust or association located in this State or  
24 another state [and that covers residents of this State who are eligible employees]; OR

25 (II) A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, COEMPLOYER,  
26 OR OTHER ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE THAT  
27 ENGAGES IN EMPLOYEE LEASING.

28 (3) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

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- 1 (i) accident-only insurance;
- 2 (ii) fixed indemnity insurance;
- 3 (iii) credit health insurance;
- 4 (iv) Medicare supplement policies;
- 5 (v) Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services  
6 (CHAMPUS) supplement policies;
- 7 (vi) long-term care insurance;
- 8 (vii) disability income insurance;
- 9 (viii) coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;
- 10 (ix) workers' compensation or similar insurance;
- 11 (x) disease-specific insurance;
- 12 (xi) automobile medical payment insurance;
- 13 (xii) dental insurance; or
- 14 (xiii) vision insurance.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 1997.