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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Minimum Length of Hospital Stay - Catheter Insertion**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
4 health maintenance organizations provide inpatient hospitalization coverage for a
5 certain minimum length of time under certain circumstances.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 19-706(n)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Insurance
13 Section 15-822
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)
16 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
17 1997)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-706.

22 (N) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-822 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO
23 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

24 **Article - Insurance**

25 15-822.

26 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

27 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
28 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN

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1 EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES THAT ARE ISSUED
2 OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

3 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ISSUE OR DELIVER
4 INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CONTRACTS IN THE STATE.

5 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A
6 MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION CARE FOLLOWING THE
7 INSERTION OF A CATHETER.

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