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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Senator Bromwell

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Maintenance Organizations - Reimbursement for Medical Screening Services**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision relating to the abrogation, on a certain date
4 and under certain circumstances, of a requirement that health maintenance
5 organizations reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider for certain
6 medical screening services rendered; repealing a requirement that the Secretary of
7 Health and Mental Hygiene work with the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost
8 Commission to develop a bundled payment for medical screening; making this Act
9 an emergency measure; and generally relating to reimbursement for medical
10 screening services by a health maintenance organization.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 19-712.5(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 BY repealing
17 Chapter 503 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996
18 Section 5

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 19-712.5.

23 (c) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency
24 facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical screening services
25 rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and
26 Active Labor Act.

27 **Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1996**

28 [SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of the
29 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall work with the Maryland Health Care
30 Access and Cost Commission on development of a bundled payment for medical

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1 screening that meets the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and
2 Active Labor Act. Should a flat fee not take effect on or before March 31, 1997, Section
3 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. The Secretary of
4 Health and Mental Hygiene, within 5 days after a bundled payment takes effect, shall
5 forward notice that the bundled payment has taken effect to the Department of
6 Legislative Reference. If a bundled payment has not taken effect on or before March 31,
7 1997, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before April 5, 1997, shall
8 forward a notice that the bundled payment has not taken effect by that date to the
9 Department of Legislative Reference.]

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
11 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
12 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
13 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
14 enacted.