

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1160

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "Program" in line 3 down through "care;" in line 6 and substitute "composition of a certain Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to conduct a study on the feasibility of requiring universal hearing screening on certain newborns; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a certain study and to make a certain report by a certain date;"; and in line 10, strike "13-601 through 13-605" and substitute "13-603".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 21 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in lines 24 and 26, in each instance, strike "10" and substitute "14".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 6, strike "and"; and in line 7, strike the period and substitute ";

(VIII) 2 SHALL BE FROM THE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY;

(IX) 1 SHALL BE FROM THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY; AND

(X) 1 SHALL BE FROM THE ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in lines 16 and 17, strike "UNIVERSAL NEWBORN SCREENING AND"; and in line 18, strike "NEWBORNS AND".

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 5 through line 4 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Advisory Council established under § 13-603 of the Health - General Article shall study and advise the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before December 1, 1998, on the feasibility of requiring universal hearing screening of newborns born in the State, with consideration given to the appropriate method and mechanism to pay for the costs of the screening, the appropriate personnel and setting to conduct the screening, and the type and availability of the equipment necessary to conduct the screening.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the availability of any funds, including federal, State, and local funds, and grants that may be utilized to assist hospitals and health care providers in conducting an early identification program and follow-up care of infants who have a risk factor of developing a hearing impairment. If a funding option is found to be feasible, the Department shall take whatever steps are necessary to directly apply for the funds or to educate all persons who may be eligible to receive the funds on the existence of the funds. The Department shall report the results of its study, including information on the type of funds available, the funds that the Department applied for, and the success of receiving those funds, to the Maryland Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems, the House Environmental Matters Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 1998.”.

On page 6, in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.