

(PRE-FILED)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Benefit Plans - Coverage for Wigs for Hair Loss Resulting from**
3 **Chemotherapy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for wigs under certain
6 circumstances.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Insurance
9 Section 15-826
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 19-706(i)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Insurance**

20 15-826.

21 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

22 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
23 INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR
24 GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES
25 OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

