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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

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- 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

- 1 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT
- 2 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER
- 3 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.
- 4 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A
- 5 WIG FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY.
- 6 (C) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A 7 DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 8 Article Health General
- 9 19-706.
- 10 (i) The provisions of §§ 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, [and] 15-812, AND
- 11 15-826 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.
- 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
- 13 policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,
- 14 1998.
- 15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 16 effect October 1, 1998.