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By: **Delegate Donoghue**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance - Administrative Hearings - Representation of Corporations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Insurance Commissioner to allow any party to a  
4 hearing held by the Insurance Commissioner to appear through a designee;  
5 authorizing an individual who is not licensed to practice law in the State and  
6 who is a designee of a corporation to represent the corporation in a proceeding  
7 before the Office of Administrative Hearings while appearing on behalf of the  
8 corporation in an administrative hearing under the Insurance Article; and  
9 generally relating to representation of corporations in administrative hearings  
10 under the Insurance Article.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Insurance  
13 Section 2-213(b)(1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1997 Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - State Government  
18 Section 9-1607.1(a)(3)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Insurance**

24 2-213.

25 (b) (1) The Commissioner shall allow any party to a hearing to:  
26 (i) appear in person OR THROUGH A DESIGNEE [and];  
27 (II) be represented by counsel;

