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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Notice of Renewal - Time of Mailing of Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum number of days before the expiration of a
4 health benefit plan in which a carrier is required to mail a certain notice of
5 renewal to a group contract holder or a small employer under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to the time of the mailing of a notice of
7 renewal of a health benefit plan in health insurance.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Insurance
10 Section 15-122 and 15-1212 (a)(3)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Volume)

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

15 **Article - Insurance**

16 15-122.

17 (a) In this section, "carrier" means:

18 (1) an insurer;

19 (2) a nonprofit health service plan;

20 (3) a health maintenance organization;

21 (4) a dental plan organization; or

22 (5) any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to
23 regulation by the State.

1 (b) Before renewing a health benefit plan, a carrier shall mail a notice of
2 renewal to the group contract holder at least [30] 60 days before the expiration of
3 the health benefit plan.

4 (c) The notice of renewal shall include the dates of the renewal period, the
5 health benefit plan rates, and the terms of coverage under the health benefit plan.

6 15-1212.

7 (a) (3) (i) A carrier shall mail a notice of renewal to the small employer at
8 least [30] 60 days before the expiration of a health benefit plan.

9 (ii) The notice of renewal shall include the dates of the renewal
10 period, the health benefit plan rates, and the terms of coverage under the health
11 benefit plan.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1998.