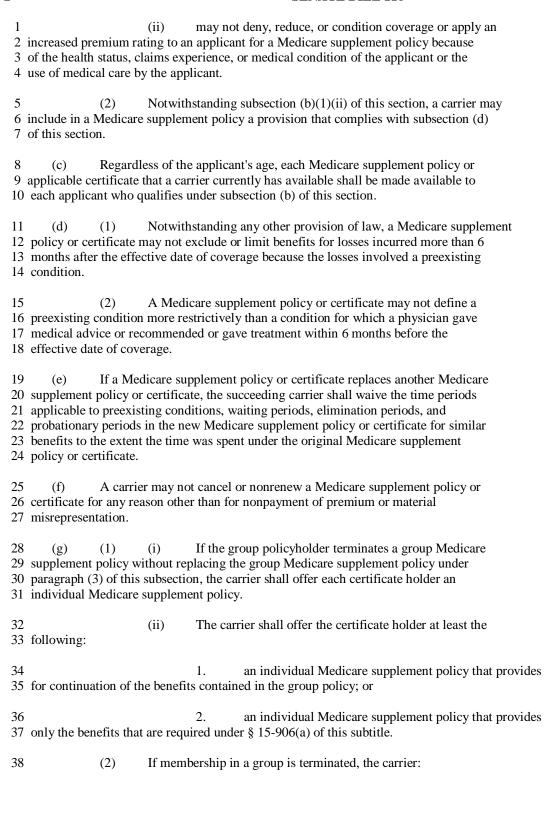
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By: Senators Kelley, Stone, Colburn, Ruben, Trotter, and Conway Introduced and read first time: January 21, 1998 Assigned to: Finance A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Medicare Supplement Policies - Individuals With a Disability - Eligibility 3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons that issue or deliver Medicare supplement policies or certificates to individuals who are eligible for Medicare 4 5 by reason of age to offer under certain circumstances the same policies or 6 certificates under the same terms and conditions to individuals who, regardless of age, are eligible for Medicare due to a disability. 7 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Insurance 9 10 Section 15-909 11 Annotated Code of Maryland 12 (1997 Volume) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 13 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 15 **Article - Insurance** 16 15-909. 17 This section does not extend the number of days of hospitalization offered (a) 18 under § 15-906(a)(3) of this subtitle to the extent those days of hospitalization have 19 been used under the original Medicare supplement policy. 20 If an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate is 21 submitted during the 6-month period beginning with the first month in which an 22 individual who is at least 65 years old OR WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS, BUT 23 IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO A DISABILITY, first enrolls for benefits under 24 Medicare Part B, a carrier: 25 may not deny or condition the issuance or effectiveness of the 26 Medicare supplement policy or certificate or discriminate in the pricing of the 27 Medicare supplement policy or certificate because of the health status, claims

28 experience, receipt of health care, or medical condition of the applicant; or

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1 2	(i) paragraph (1) of this subsection	shall offer the certificate holder the conversion options under n; or
3		at the option of the group policyholder, shall offer the certificate ge under the group Medicare supplement policy.
7	group Medicare supplement posucceeding carrier shall offer c	If a group Medicare supplement policy is replaced by another olicy purchased by the same policyholder, the overage to each individual who was covered under the t policy on its date of termination.
		Under the new group Medicare supplement policy, coverage existing condition that would have been covered under nt policy being replaced.
12	SECTION 2. AND BE IT	FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect