

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 714

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Department” in line 14 down through “the” in line 15; in line 15, after “Commission,” insert and substitute “in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging,”; in lines 19 and 21, in each instance, strike “Department” and substitute “Commission”; in line 21, after “regulations;” insert “defining a certain term;”; and after line 23, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 6 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1508(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 31 through 34, inclusive, and substitute:

“19-1501.

(Over)

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Commission” means the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

(c) “Comprehensive standard health benefit plan” means the comprehensive standard health benefit plan adopted in accordance with § 15-1207 of the Insurance Article.

(d) (1) “Health care provider” means:

(i) A person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession or in an approved education or training program; or

(ii) A facility where health care is provided to patients or recipients, including a facility as defined in § 10-101(e) of this article, a hospital as defined in § 19-301(f) of this article, a related institution as defined in § 19-301(n) of this article, a health maintenance organization as defined in § 19-701(e) of this article, an outpatient clinic, and a medical laboratory.

(2) “Health care provider” includes the agents and employees of a facility who are licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care, the officers and directors of a facility, and the agents and employees of a health care provider who are licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care.

(e) “Health care practitioner” means any person that provides health care services and is licensed under the Health Occupations Article.

(f) “Health care service” means any health or medical care procedure or service rendered by a health care practitioner that:

(1) Provides testing, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or dysfunction; or

(2) Dispenses drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods for the treatment of human disease or dysfunction.

(G) “NURSING FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-1401 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(g)(H) (1) “Office facility” means the office of one or more health care

practitioners in which health care services are provided to individuals.

(2) “Office facility” includes a facility that provides:

(i) Ambulatory surgery;

(ii) Radiological or diagnostic imagery; or

(iii) Laboratory services.

(3) “Office facility” does not include any office, facility, or service operated by a hospital and regulated under Subtitle 2 of this title.

[(h)](I) “Payor” means:

(1) A health insurer or nonprofit health service plan that holds a certificate of authority and provides health insurance policies or contracts in the State in accordance with this article or the Insurance Article;

(2) A health maintenance organization that holds a certificate of authority in the State; or

(3) A third party administrator as defined in § 15-111 of the Insurance Article.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

“19-1508.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING, SHALL:”;

in lines 15 and 18, in each instance, strike “DEPARTMENT” and substitute “COMMISSION”; and

(Over)

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in line 21, strike "Department" and substitute "Commission".