

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 618

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Telephone”; in line 6, strike “telephone”; in the same line, after “system” insert “or certain other emergency medical services systems; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to use transportation other than the 911 system under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring insureds and enrollees to obtain prior authorization before accessing certain emergency medical services systems under certain circumstances”; in line 9, after “system;” insert “defining a certain term;”; and in line 10, strike “telephone”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 24, insert:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EMERGENCY SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-701(D) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.”.

in line 25, strike “(A)” and substitute “(B)”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT ESTABLISH OR PROMOTE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT ENCOURAGES OR DIRECTS ACCESS BY AN INSURED OR ENROLLEE IN COMPETITION WITH OR IN SUBSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM (911) OR OTHER STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM.

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(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ENTITY MAY UTILIZE, FOR SERVICES THAT ARE NOT EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION OUTSIDE THE 911 OR OTHER GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

(D) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT REQUIRE AN INSURED OR ENROLLEE TO OBTAIN PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BEFORE ACCESSING THE 911 SYSTEM OR OTHER STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.”;

in line 7, strike “(C)” and substitute “(E)”; and in line 11, strike “AMBULANCE”.