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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 699

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "term;" insert "making certain provisions of law applicable to certain health benefit plans;"; after line 14, insert:

"BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-10A-01.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, strike "POLICY" and substitute "<u>POLICY, CONTRACT,</u>"; in line 9, strike "LOCATED IN MARYLAND OR ANY OTHER STATE COVERING MARYLAND RESIDENTS"; in line 10, after the first "A" insert "<u>HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL</u>"; in line 11, strike "THAT COVERS MARYLAND RESIDENTS"; in line 22, strike "ARE" and substitute "<u>IS</u>"; in line 23, after "PROVIDER" insert "<u>NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CARRIER</u>"; in line 24, after "ANY" insert "OTHER".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 12, strike "(1)"; in the same line, strike "MEANS:" and substitute "<u>HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 2-112.2(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.</u>"; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 35, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, after line 19, insert:

"15-10A-01.1.

THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT:

- (1) IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED IN THIS STATE; OR
- (2) COVERS INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE OR WORK IN THE STATE IF THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED IN A STATE THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES DOES NOT HAVE AN EXTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR ADVERSE DECISIONS OR GRIEVANCES COMPARABLE TO THE COMPLAINT PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBTITLE.".