## **HOUSE BILL 167**

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A BILL ENTITLED

## 1 AN ACT concerning

- Health Benefit Plans Coverage for Chemotherapy Hair Prostheses for Hair
   Loss Resulting from Chemotherapy
- 4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
- 5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for chemotherapy hair
- 6 prostheses under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of this
- 7 Act.
- 8 BY adding to
- 9 Article Insurance
- 10 Section 15-829
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Health General
- 15 Section 19-706(i)
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 20 Article Insurance
- 21 15-829.
- 22 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:
- 23 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
- 24 INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR
- 25 GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES
- 26 OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

- 1 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT 2 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER 2 CONTRACTS THAT A REJISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.
- 3 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.
- 4 (B) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE
- 5 FOR A CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HAIR LOSS
- 6 RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY.
- 7 (2) TO BE COVERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR 8 PROSTHESIS MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ONCOLOGIST IN ATTENDANCE.
- 9 (C) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A 10 DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 11 Article Health General
- 12 19-706.
- 13 (i) The provisions of §§ 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812, 15-826,
- 14 [and] 15-828, AND 15-829 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance
- 15 organizations.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
- 17 policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,
- 18 1999.
- 19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 20 October 1, 1999.