

SENATE BILL 629

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By: **Senators Bromwell and Dorman**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 1999

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Maintenance Organizations - Reimbursement for Medical Screening,**
3 **Assessment, and Stabilization Services**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for the continuation of a provision that requires a
5 health maintenance organization to reimburse hospital emergency facilities and
6 health care providers for certain medical screening, assessment, and
7 stabilization services by repealing a termination provision relating to this
8 requirement; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations,
9 hospital emergency facilities, and health care providers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 19-712.5(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 107 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997
17 Section 4

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-712.5.

22 (c) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency
23 facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical screening,
24 assessment, and stabilization services rendered to meet the requirements of the
25 Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
27 read as follows:

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Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1997

2 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
3 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,
4 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
5 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
6 the date it is enacted. [At the end of July 1, 1999, with no further action required by
7 the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force
8 and effect.]

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 1999.