

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 4

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 14, strike "certain requirements" and substitute "alteration or elimination under certain circumstances"; in line 20, after "order;" insert "requiring the Insurance Commissioner to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly under certain circumstances;".

On page 6, in line 30, strike the comma and substitute ":

(I) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT THAT DETERMINATION TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE REASONS FOR THAT DETERMINATION; AND

(II) IF REQUIRED BY AN ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,;

strike beginning with "BEGINNING" in line 31 down through "YEAR" in line 32; in line 34, strike the colon; in line 35, strike "(1)"; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 36 down through "TAX" in line 38.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 12, after "information;" insert "prohibiting the Commission from taking certain action for a certain period of time;".

On page 7, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission may not alter the differential on regulated hospital charges afforded to a carrier that

(Over)

offers a product through the Substantial, Available, and Affordable Coverage Program until after September 30, 2002.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 17, strike “providing that a specific activity does not satisfy certain requirements;”.

On page 5, in line 27, strike “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION,”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, in line 15, strike “a” and substitute “certain”; in line 16, strike “plan” and substitute “plans”; and in line 18, after the second “for” insert “certain”.

On page 5, after line 18, insert:

“(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT INSURE FEWER THAN 10,000 COVERED LIVES IN MARYLAND.”;

in lines 19 and 27, strike “(B)” and “(C)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively; in line 26, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”; and in line 29, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.

On page 6, in line 14, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; and in line 17, after “PLAN” insert “THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A REPORT UNDER §14-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “plan;” in line 5.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 10, inclusive.

On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with “EACH” in line 18 on page 3 through “PLAN” in line 2 on page 4 and substitute “TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY NEEDS, A”

NONPROFIT HOSPITAL:

(1) MAY CONSIDER, IF AVAILABLE, A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE NONPROFIT HOSPITAL IS LOCATED;

(2) MAY CONSULT WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; OR

(3) MAY CONSULT WITH ANY APPROPRIATE PERSON THAT CAN ASSIST THE HOSPITAL IN IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS".

On page 4, strike beginning with "A" in line 8 down through "(II)" in line 10; in lines 3, 20, and 25, strike "(D)", "(E)", and "(F)", respectively, and substitute "(C)", "(D)", and "(E)", respectively; in line 21, strike "(D)" and substitute "(C)"; in lines 11, 13, 15, and 16, strike "(III)", "(IV)", "(V)", and "(VI)", respectively, and substitute "(II)", "(III)", "(IV)", and "(V)", respectively; in line 15, after "INITIATIVE;" insert "AND"; and strike beginning with "AN" in line 16 down through "COMMISSION" in line 19 and substitute "EFFORTS TAKEN TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH COMMUNITY BENEFIT INITIATIVE".

On page 7, before line 26, insert:

"SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the requirement for hospitals to submit an annual community benefit report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission under § 19-303(c) of the Health - General Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001."

and in line 26, strike "3." and substitute "5.".