

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 698

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "annually;" insert "requiring the Department's Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing to report to the Oversight Committee annually;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 11, strike "AND"; and in line 13, after "AGING" insert ";

(7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;

(8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC NON-PROFIT HEALTH AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION;

(9) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOSPICE NETWORK OF MARYLAND;

(10) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION;

(11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION; AND

(12) TWO CONSUMER MEMBERS".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 19, after the period insert:

(Over)

“(E)”;
in line 30, after “HOMES” insert “, INCLUDING THE MEDICAID NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM,”; and in line 32, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

“(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT’S DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUALLY ON THE STATUS OF THE MEDICAID NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING:

(I) ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING METHODOLOGY THAT ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT;

(II) ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING METHODOLOGY THAT CAN BE REVISED;

(III) THE APPROPRIATENESS OF REDESIGNING THE SYSTEM GIVEN CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE TARGET POPULATION; AND

(IV) GENERAL FUND AND FEDERAL FUND SAVINGS FROM A SYSTEM REDESIGN THAT MAY BE REDIRECTED TO NURSING HOME STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN THE NURSING COST CENTER.

(2) THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR.”;

in line 4, after “QUALITY” insert “AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING”; in lines 3 and 9, strike “(F)” and “(G)”, respectively, and substitute “(H)(1)” and “(I)”, respectively; and in line 5, after the period, insert:

“(2)”.