

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Boschert**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Coverage for Hearing Aids**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans,
4 and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain hearing
5 aids; providing for the effect of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the
6 application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for hearing aids by
7 health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance
8 organizations.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Insurance
11 Section 15-835
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Health - General
16 Section 19-706(nn)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Insurance**

22 15-835.

23 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

24 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
25 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN
26 EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS
27 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

