BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 653

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Claims for Reimbursement -"; in line 3, after "Form" insert "<u>Feasibility Study</u>"; strike beginning with "adopt" in line 4 down through "regulation" in line 5 and substitute "<u>study the desirability and feasibility of developing</u>"; in line 6, strike "develop the uniform claims remittance form" and substitute "<u>conduct the study</u>"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 7 down through "organizations" in line 14 and substitute "<u>requiring the Commissioner to report certain findings and recommendations to the House Economic Matters and Senate Finance Committees on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to reimbursement of health care providers"; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 26, inclusive.</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 9 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall study the desirability and feasibility of developing a uniform claims remittance form to be used by payers in reimbursing health care providers.
 - (b) The uniform claims remittance form study shall be conducted in consultation with:
 - (1) the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland;
 - (2) the Maryland State Dental Association;

- (3) the Maryland Hospital Association;
- (4) representatives of other health care providers;
- (5) third party payers in the State;
- (6) managed care organizations as defined under § 15-101(f) of the Health General Article;
- (7) one member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
 - (8) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.
- (c) The Commissioner shall report the findings of the study and any resulting recommendations to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on or before December 1, 2001 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect."