

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 15

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Wood” and substitute “Wood, Barve, Brown, Burns, Cane, Cole, DeCarlo, Dembrow, Donoghue, Eckardt, Finifter, Frush, Giannetti, Goldwater, Gordon, Hammen, Heller, V. Jones, Kirk, Love, Mandel, McHale, Minnick, Moe, Morhaim, Pendergrass, Petzold, Pitkin, Riley, Rosso, Shriver, and Weir”; strike beginning with “making” in line 13 down through “requirements” in line 14 and substitute “requiring certain nonprofit health service plans to use certain funds in a certain manner”; in line 17, after “requirements;” insert “exempting certain nonprofit health service plans from certain requirements; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to report a certain determination to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing that certain nonprofit health service plans have a certain amount of time to comply with a certain order;”; and in line 20, after “order;” insert “requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations in consultation with certain individuals; prohibiting the Commission from requiring a certain report before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 22, after the semicolon insert “AND”; in line 23, strike “AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH INITIATIVE;” and substitute “A DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS TAKEN TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH COMMUNITY BENEFIT INITIATIVE.”; and strike lines 24 and 25 in their entirety.

On page 4, in line 5, after “SHALL” insert “ADOPT REGULATIONS”; in line 6, after “HOSPITALS,” insert “THAT”; in the same line, after “ESTABLISH” insert “:

(1)”;

and in line 7, after “SECTION” insert “;

(Over)

(2) THE DATE ON WHICH NONPROFIT HOSPITALS MUST SUBMIT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT; AND

(3) THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT MUST COVER”.

On page 6, after line 34, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission may not require a nonprofit hospital to submit its first annual community benefit report required under § 19-303 of the Health - General Article, as enacted by this Act, before October 1, 2002.”;

and in line 35, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 33, insert:

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

On page 5, in line 1, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in line 8, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”; in line 9, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”; in the same line, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”; in line 11, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in line 14, after “LAW;” insert “OR”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 22, inclusive; in line 23, strike “(4)” and substitute “(2)”; in line 25, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”; in line 28, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in line 30, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”; in the same line, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; and in line 34, after “PLAN” insert “THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A REPORT UNDER § 14-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE”.

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

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

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

strike beginning with “, BEGINNING” in line 7 down through “YEAR” in line 8; in line 10, strike the colon; in line 11, strike “(1)”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 11 down through “TAX” in line 13; and in line 21, strike “APPLICABLE” and substitute “APPROPRIATE”.