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By: **Delegate Malone**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicare Supplement Policies - Medicare Select Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain health insurers to issue Medicare supplement
4 policies under the Medicare Select program; establishing requirements for a
5 Medicare supplement policy issued under the Medicare Select program;
6 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make certain
7 determinations about the adequacy of the network established by a health
8 insurer under the Medicare Select program; and generally relating to Medicare
9 supplement policies issued under the Medicare Select program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Insurance
12 Section 15-904
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Insurance**

18 15-904.

19 (A) A carrier may not issue, deliver, or renew a Medicare supplement policy in
20 the State unless the Medicare supplement policy complies with this subtitle.

21 (B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, A
22 HEALTH INSURER THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES
23 UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY ISSUE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES UNDER THE
24 MEDICARE SELECT PROGRAM.

25 (2) THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY ISSUED
26 UNDER THE MEDICARE SELECT PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH
27 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION
28 ACT OF 1990 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RELEVANT FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS.

1 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL
2 DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE NETWORK ESTABLISHED BY A HEALTH
3 INSURER UNDER THE MEDICARE SELECT PROGRAM AS TO THE NUMBER OF
4 PROVIDERS, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, HOURS OF OPERATION, PROMPTNESS OF
5 SERVICE, AND RANGE OF SERVICES.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2001.