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*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Finance/Economic Matters --*

Introduced by **Senators Teitelbaum, Van Hollen, Dorman, Roesser, Ruben,  
Green, Exum, Pinsky, Forehand, Kelley, Collins, Hoffman, Hollinger,  
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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Colorectal Cancer Screening - Coverage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
4 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for colorectal cancer  
5 screening in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing certain insurers,  
6 nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to impose  
7 certain cost-sharing requirements under certain circumstances; providing for  
8 the application of this Act; and generally relating to requiring health insurance  
9 coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Insurance

12 Section 15-837

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

1 BY adding to  
2 Article - Health - General  
3 Section 19-706(rr)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

8 **Article - Insurance**

9 15-837.

10 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

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

15 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL,  
16 MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS  
17 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

18 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR  
19 COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING  
20 GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

21 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COVERAGE  
22 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A COPAYMENT OR  
23 COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE THAT AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS  
24 SECTION IMPOSES FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES UNDER THE SAME POLICY OR  
25 CONTRACT.

26 (2) THE COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE  
27 IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN  
28 THE COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE IMPOSED BY  
29 THE ENTITY FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES.

30 (D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT AN ENTITY  
31 SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGES THAT ARE GREATER THAN  
32 OR MORE FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED OR ENROLLEE THAN THE COVERAGE  
33 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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**Article - Health - General**

2 19-706.

3 (RR) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-837 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO  
4 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to all  
6 policies, contracts, and health benefits plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the  
7 State on or after ~~October 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2001.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 ~~October 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2001.