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By: Chairman, Finance Committee (Departmental - Insurance Administration, Maryland)

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1	AN	ACT	concerning
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2 Health Insurance - Standard Provisions

- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain standard provisions allowed in certain
- 4 individual health insurance contracts; providing for a delayed effective date; and
- 5 generally relating to certain policy provisions in individual health insurance
- 6 contracts.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Insurance
- 9 Section 12-203(g)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing
- 13 Article Insurance
- 14 Section 15-227 and 15-228
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article - Insurance

20 12-203.

- 21 (g) By regulation, the Commissioner shall adopt the language and format for
- 22 standard provisions required under § 12-102(a) of this title for contracts and policies
- 23 issued by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance
- 24 organizations.
- 25 [15-227.
- 26 A policy of health insurance may contain the following provision:

- 1 "Illegal occupation: The insurer shall not be liable for any loss to which a
- 2 contributing cause was the insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony or
- 3 to which a contributing cause was the insured's being engaged in an illegal
- 4 occupation."]
- 5 [15-228.
- 6 A policy of health insurance may contain the following provision:
- 7 "Intoxicants and narcotics: The insurer shall not be liable for any loss sustained
- 8 or contracted in consequence of the insured's being intoxicated or under the influence
- 9 of any narcotic unless administered on the advice of a physician."]
- 10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 11 effect January 1, 2002.