BY: Finance Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 451</u>
(First Reading File Bill)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>
        On page 1, in line 14, strike "20-506(a),"; after line 16, insert:

"<u>BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,</u>
        <u>Article - Health - General</u>
        <u>Section 20-506(a)</u>
        <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u>
        <u>(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)</u>
        <u>(As enacted by Chapters 134 and 135 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)</u>";

in line 4, strike "eliminate" and substitute "<u>reduce</u>"; and strike beginning with "requiring" in line 5 down through "race;" in line 7.

        On page 2, in line 10, strike "Eliminating" and substitute "<u>Reducing</u>"; in line 13, strike "eliminating" and substitute "<u>of reducing</u>"; in line 27, strike "(A)"; in the same line after "to" insert a colon; strike in their entirety lines 28 through 37, inclusive, and substitute:

        "<u>(1)</u>   PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE TIMELY AND COST EFFECTIVE CARE FOR MARYLANDERS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

        <u>(2)</u>   RECEIVE MONEYS THAT CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PROGRAMS THAT:

        <u>(I)</u>   EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MARYLANDERS; AND

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(II) REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR MARYLANDERS.".

On page 3, in line 8, strike "TO ELIMINATE" and substitute "REDUCE"; in line 9, after "DISPARITIES" insert "ASSOCIATED WITH POVERTY, GENDER, AND RACE"; in line 20, strike the first comma and substitute "THAT MAY INCLUDE"; in line 20, strike the second comma and substitute "IN"; and in line 21, strike the comma.

On page 4, in line 6, strike "PROGRAMS ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES,"; in line 13, strike "ELIMINATING" and substitute "REDUCING"; in line 22, after "COUNTY" insert "AND REGION"; strike beginning with "COALITIONS" in line 27 down through "DISPARITIES" in line 28 and substitute "PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA".