

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 422

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "assistance" insert ", subject to a certain contingency".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike line 29 in its entirety and substitute:

"(I) IF ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2002, THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE'S EXISTING § 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.1 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE:

1. BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2003, \$ 50 PER MONTH;

in line 30, strike "(II)" and substitute "2."; in line 31, strike "(III)" and substitute "3."; and in line 36, strike "42 U.S.C. 415(1)(2)(D)" and substitute "42 U.S.C. (A)(1)(D); OR

(II) IF ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2002, THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DO NOT APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE'S EXISTING § 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.1 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE:

1. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, \$50 PER MONTH;

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2. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004, \$60 PER MONTH; AND
3. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING 5% TO REFLECT THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH BENEFITS UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (42 U.S.C. 401 THROUGH 433) ARE INCREASED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING, AS THAT PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS REPORTED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. 415(A)(1)(D)”.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “October” and substitute “July”.