

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1174

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Zirkin” and substitute “Zirkin, Hurson, and Parrott”; in line 2, strike “Persons” and substitute “Individuals”; in lines 5 and 12, in each instance, strike “persons” and substitute “individuals”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “date” in line 11 and substitute “establishing a schedule for the implementation of the requirements of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act”.

On page 3, in line 9, strike “October” and substitute “July”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 17 through 19, inclusive; in line 20, strike “(D)” and substitute “(C)”; after line 24, insert:

“(F) “VITAL DOCUMENTS” MEANS ALL APPLICATIONS, OR INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS, NOTICES, AND COMPLAINT FORMS OFFERED BY STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND PROGRAMS.”;

and in line 32, strike “FORMS AND” and substitute “VITAL”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “FORMS AND” and substitute “VITAL”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“(D) “ORAL LANGUAGE SERVICES” INCLUDES VARIOUS METHODS TO PROVIDE VERBAL INFORMATION AND INTERPRETATION SUCH AS STAFF INTERPRETERS, BILINGUAL STAFF, TELEPHONE INTERPRETER PROGRAMS, AND

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PRIVATE INTERPRETER PROGRAMS.”;

strike beginning with “INTERPRETERS” in line 30 down through “ENGLISH” in line 31 and substitute “ORAL LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, WHICH MUST BE THROUGH FACE-TO-FACE, IN-HOUSE ORAL LANGUAGE SERVICES IF CONTACT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IS ON A WEEKLY OR MORE FREQUENT BASIS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 36, strike “DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR”; and in the same line, after “PROGRAM” insert “AS MEASURED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL PROVIDE CENTRAL COORDINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMS TO AID COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

(I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2003, FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY:

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND

REGULATION;

3. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL

HYGIENE;

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; AND

5. THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION;

(II) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2004, FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY:

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;
  2. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;
  3. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, NOT INCLUDING THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION;
  4. THE MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION;
  5. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE; AND
  6. FIVE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS, TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;
- (III) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2005, FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY:
1. THE COMPTROLLER OF MARYLAND;
  2. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;
  3. THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION;
  4. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;
  5. THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;
  6. THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND

7. FIVE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND

(IV) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2006, FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY:

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

3. THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND

4. FIVE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 8, after “That” insert “this Act may not be construed to either recommend or to require the creation of a State office to coordinate language translation and technical support for this Act. Each agency, department, or program required to implement the provisions of this Act shall do so without the assistance of a statewide office created to coordinate these services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”.