**Unofficial Copy** 2002 Regular Session 2lr0014 (PRE-FILED) By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene) Requested: November 14, 2001 Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2002 Assigned to: Economic Matters Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: February 5, 2002 CHAPTER 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Maryland Children's Health Program - Employer-Sponsored Health Benefit 3 **Plans - Employer Contribution** 4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement altering the amount that an employer must contribute a certain amount to family health insurance coverage under the 5 MCHP private option plan of the Maryland Children's Health Program; 6 7 requiring that certain employer-sponsored health benefit plans be cost-effective; and generally relating to the MCHP private option plan of the 8 9 Maryland Children's Health Program. 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health - General 11 12 Section 15-301.1 13 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement) 14

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

**Article - Health - General** 

In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

"Carrier" means:

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31 Department to be at least equivalent to the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit

36 INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN MAY NOT BE GREATER

The plan does not impose cost sharing requirements on eligible

THE STATE'S COST FOR COVERAGE OF AN ELIGIBLE

32 Plan established under § 15-1207 of the Insurance Article; and

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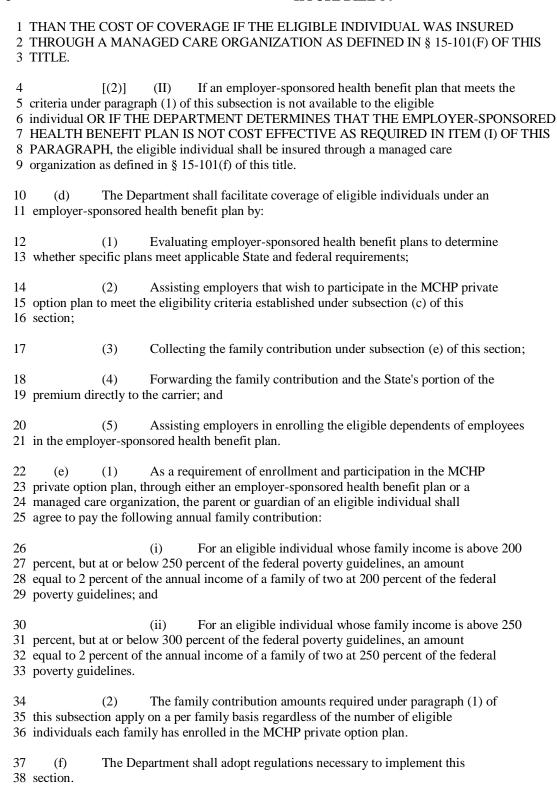
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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 2 effect July 1, 2002.