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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Program - Waivers - Notice of Applications and**
3 **Modifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 publish in the Maryland Register any application for a Medical Assistance
6 Program waiver or modification to an existing Medical Assistance waiver;
7 requiring the Department to make the application for a Medical Assistance
8 Program waiver to the public and to provide an opportunity for public comment
9 on the application; and generally relating to notice of applications for and
10 modifications to the State Medical Assistance Program waivers.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 15-101(a) and (i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Health - General
18 Section 15-134
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Health - General**

24 15-101.

25 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (i) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

1 15-134.

2 (A) IF THE DEPARTMENT APPLIES FOR A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
3 WAIVER OR MODIFIES OR AMENDS AN EXISTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
4 WAIVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION BY
5 PUBLICATION IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

6 (B) FOR 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF ANY NOTICE PUBLISHED
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

8 (1) MAKE THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER APPLICATION
9 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING BUSINESS HOURS; AND

10 (2) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE
11 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER APPLICATION.

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