
By: **Delegate Redmer**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Small Group Health Insurance - Community Rate Adjustment - Small**
3 **Employer Group Experience**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the factors that a carrier is required to use in
5 establishing a certain community rate for certain health insurance plans;
6 authorizing a carrier to adjust up to a certain percentage of a certain community
7 rate based on certain experience of certain small employers; and generally
8 relating to small group health insurance and certain community rate
9 adjustments.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Insurance
12 Section 15-1205
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Insurance**

18 15-1205.

19 (a) (1) In establishing a community rate for a health benefit plan, a carrier
20 shall use a rating methodology that is based on the experience of all risks covered by
21 that health benefit plan without regard to health status or occupation or any other
22 factor not specifically authorized under this subsection.

23 (2) A carrier may adjust the community rate only for:

24 (i) age; [and]

25 (ii) geography based on the following contiguous areas of the State:

26 1. the Baltimore metropolitan area;

