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By: Senator Bromwell

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#### A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN	ACI	concerning

# 2 Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan - Repeal

- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions that establish and provide for the
- 4 administration of the Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan; repealing a
- 5 requirement that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene provide certain
- 6 notice regarding eligibility for the Plan to certain individuals in a certain
- 7 manner; and generally relating to the Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Health General
- 10 Section 4-217(f) and (g)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing
- 14 Article Insurance
- 15 Section 14-301 through 14-307, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 3.
- Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan"
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

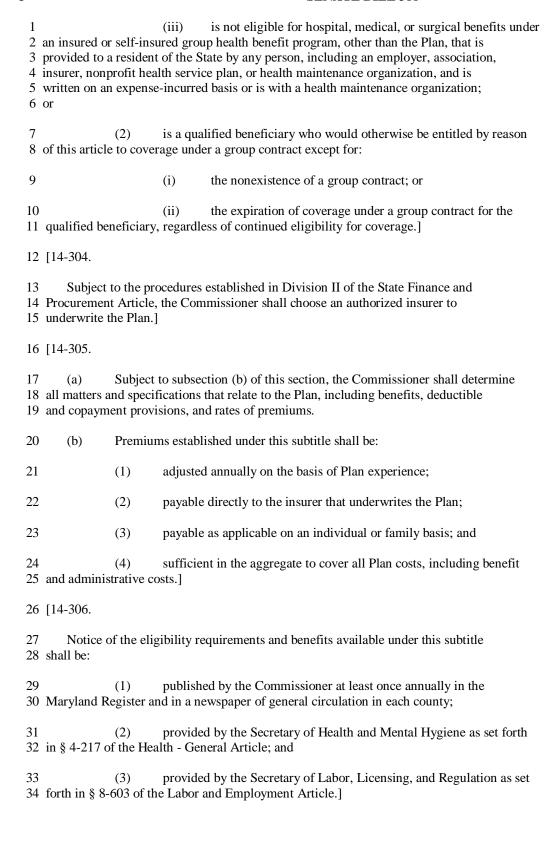
### 21 Article - Health - General

- 22 4-217.
- 23 (f) [The Secretary shall include with every copy of a death certificate, in a
- 24 form prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner, a notice which advises that certain
- 25 individuals may be entitled to become members of the Maryland Group Health
- 26 Insurance Plan under Title 14, Subtitle 3 of the Insurance Article.
- 27 (g)] A person may use a photocopy of a birth, death, fetal death, or marriage
- 28 certificate for any nonfraudulent and nondeceptive purpose.

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1	Article - Insurance			
2	[Subtitle 3. Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan.]			
3	[14-301.			
4	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.			
5	(b) "Group contract" means:			
8	(1) a contract or policy that is issued or delivered in the State to an employer by an insurer or nonprofit health service plan and that provides group hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to employees of the employer on an expense-incurred basis; or			
	(2) a contract between an employer and a health maintenance organization certified under Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health - General Article that provides group hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to employees of the employer.			
13	(c) "Plan" means the Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan.			
14	(d) "Qualified beneficiary" means:			
15 16	(1) an individual who is divorced or widowed or a dependent child of an individual who is divorced or widowed; or			
17 18	(2) an individual whose employment is terminated or a spouse or dependent child of an individual whose employment is terminated.]			
19	[14-302.			
	There is a Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan administered by the Commissioner.]			
22	[14-303.			
25	The Plan shall provide hospital, medical, and surgical benefits on an expense-incurred basis to an individual who is eligible for membership in the Plan under subsection (b) of this section, elects to receive benefits, and pays the premium established under the Plan.			
27 28	(b) An individual is eligible for membership in the Plan if the individual is a resident of the State and the individual:			
29 30	(1) (i) is certified by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as unemployed under § 8-801 of the Labor and Employment Article;			
31 32	(ii) is not entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act; and			

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- 1 [14-307.
- 2 The State has no pecuniary liability under this subtitle.]
- 3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 4 June 1, 2002.