By: **Senators Teitelbaum, Astle, Exum, Gladden, Hooper, Kelley, and Pinsky** Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2003 Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Coverage for Home Visits After Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle - Repeal of Sunset

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination date for insurance coverage for

5 certain home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

- 7 Article Insurance
- 8 Section 15-832
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 12 Chapter 120 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999
- 13 Section 7

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

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

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Article - Insurance

17 15-832.

18 (a) In this section, "mastectomy" means the surgical removal of all or part of a19 breast as a result of breast cancer.

- 20 (b) This section applies to:
- 21 (1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide inpatient
- 22 hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an

23 expense-incurred basis under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or

24 delivered in the State; and

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1 (2) health maintenance organizations that provide inpatient hospital, 2 medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued 3 or delivered in the State.

4 (c) For a patient who receives less than 48 hours of inpatient hospitalization 5 following a mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle, or who undergoes a 6 mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle on an outpatient basis, an entity 7 subject to this section shall provide coverage for:

8 (1) one home visit scheduled to occur within 24 hours after discharge 9 from the hospital or outpatient health care facility; and

10 (2) an additional home visit if prescribed by the patient's attending 11 physician.

12 (d) Each entity subject to this section shall provide notice annually to its13 enrollees and insureds about the coverage required under this section.

14Chapter 120 of the Acts of 1999

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999. [Section 2 of this Act
shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2003,
with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be
abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 21 October 1, 2003.

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