

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 125

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Hammen” and substitute “, Hammen, Benson, Boteler, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Hubbard, Hurson, Kach, Mandel, McDonough, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, Rosenberg, Rudolph, Smigiel, V. Turner, and Weldon”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “Transferred to” and substitute “Enrolled in”; in line 7, after the first “date” insert “, are terminated from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan as a result of eligibility for Medicare,”; in the same line, strike “on or before a certain date” and substitute “within a certain period of time”; in line 13, after “individuals;” insert “requiring certain carriers to issue certain Medicare supplement policies during a certain period of time to certain individuals eligible for Medicare as a result of disability;”; in line 14, after “of” insert “certain provisions of”; and after line 26, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-909(b)(3)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

“(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY AND TO ANY MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY ISSUED TO A GROUP IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PRIVILEGES ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP MEMBERSHIP.”;

(Over)

in lines 17, 25, 29, and 31, strike “(A)”, “(B)”, “(C)”, and “(D)”, respectively, and substitute “(B)”, “(C)”, “(D)”, and “(E)”, respectively; in line 19, after the first “INDIVIDUAL” insert “WHO IS”; in the same line, after “MEDICARE” insert “DUE TO AGE”; in line 22, after the semicolon insert:

“(2) IS TERMINATED FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AS A RESULT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICARE;”;

in line 23, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; in lines 23 and 24, strike “ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2004” and substitute “DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL IS TERMINATED FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN”; in line 26, strike “(A)” and substitute “(B)”; and in line 34, strike “(A)(1)” and substitute “(B)(1)”.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 34, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article - Insurance

15-909.

(b) (3) (i) [If an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate is submitted by an individual who is under the age of 65 years, but is eligible for Medicare due to a disability, during the 6-month period following the applicant’s enrollment in Part B of Medicare, a carrier shall make available to the applicant both a Medicare supplement policy plan C and a Medicare supplement policy plan I.] A CARRIER SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE BOTH A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLAN C AND A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLAN I TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS BUT IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO A DISABILITY, IF AN APPLICATION FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY OR CERTIFICATE IS SUBMITTED:

1. DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD FOLLOWING THE APPLICANT’S ENROLLMENT IN PART B OF MEDICARE; OR

2. FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TERMINATED FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AS A RESULT OF ENROLLMENT IN PART B OF

MEDICARE, DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S TERMINATION.";

and in line 35, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 3, strike "It" and substitute "Section 1 of this Act"; in the same line, after "through" insert "June 30."; in the same line, after "of" insert "June 30."; and in line 4, after "Assembly," insert "Section 1 of".