

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 666

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request - Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)” and substitute “Delegates Hubbard, Aumann, Hurson, Hammen, Benson, Boteler, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Goldwater, Kach, Mandel, McDonough, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, Rosenberg, Rudolph, Smigiel, V. Turner, and Weldon”; and in line 3, strike “providing” and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that require local jurisdictions to be informed of the location and nature of certain biological agents in the Biological Agents Registry and provide”; in line 4, after “government” insert “, certain police officers,”; and in line 6, after “terms;” insert “requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations in consultation with certain groups;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 24, insert:

“(4) REQUIRE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO BE INFORMED OF THE LOCATION AND NATURE OF EACH BIOLOGICAL AGENT IN THE REGISTRY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION;”;

in line 25, strike “(4)” and substitute “(5)”; and in the same line, strike “SPECIFIED”.

On page 3, in lines 7 and 11, strike “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(6)” and “(7)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 3, after “TO” insert a colon; and strike beginning with “A” in line 3 down through “SERVICES;” in line 6 and substitute:

(Over)

“1. A POLICE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN § 3-201(E) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY; AND

2. A FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN § 7-101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, PERFORMING EMERGENCY SERVICES, RESPONDING TO A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY, OR DISPATCHED ON A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations to implement § 17-602 (c) (4) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, in consultation with local jurisdictions, and shall consider current standards and security measures followed by local officials and emergency response agencies when obtaining information about facilities within their jurisdictions that contain nuclear and chemically hazardous materials.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, and local jurisdictions, shall adopt regulations to implement § 17-602(c)(5)(iii) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, that establish procedures for identifying, distributing, and maintaining the confidentiality of secure information contained in the Biological Agents Registry.”;

and in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.