BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 667

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Plan -" insert "<u>Authority and Composition of</u>"; in the same line, strike "Authority" and substitute "<u>Plan Fund</u>"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 6 down through "State;" in line 7; in line 9, after "income;" insert "<u>altering the composition of the Board;</u>"; and in line 18, strike "<u>14-504</u>" and substitute "<u>14-503(c) and (d), 14-504,</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

"14-503.

- (c) The Board consists of [seven] NINE members, of whom:
 - (1) one shall be the Commissioner;
 - (2) one shall be the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission;
- (3) one shall be the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission;
 - one shall be the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management;
- (5) [one] TWO shall be appointed by the Director of the Health, Education, and Advocacy Unit in the Office of the Attorney General in accordance with subsection (d) of this section;
 - (6) one shall be appointed by the Commissioner to represent carriers operating in

the State; [and]

- (7) one shall be appointed by the Commissioner to represent insurance producers selling insurance in the State; AND
- (8) ONE SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN OWNER OR EMPLOYEE OF A MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.
- (d) (1) (I) [The] EACH Board member appointed under subsection (c)(5) of this section shall be a consumer who does not have a substantial financial interest in a person regulated under this article or under Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health General Article.
- (II) ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE A MEMBER OF A RACIAL MINORITY.
- (2) The term of [a consumer member and a] AN APPOINTED member [appointed by the Commissioner] is 4 years.
- (3) At the end of a term, [a consumer member and a member appointed by the Commissioner continue] AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) [A consumer member and a member appointed by the Commissioner who are] AN APPOINTED MEMBER WHO IS appointed after a term has begun [serve] SERVES only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 31, after "<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>" insert "<u>WHOSE PREMIUM IS PAID FOR BY</u> A PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURER OR ITS AFFILIATE".

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 25 through 30, inclusive; in line 31, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "(4)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 14, strike "October" and substitute "July".