

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 191

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, after “Supplement” insert “Plan A”; strike beginning with “particular” in line 4 down through “of” in line 5; in lines 5 and 7, in each instance, after “supplement” insert “plan A”; and in line 6, after “age;” insert “requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a certain study and report its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “A” in line 33 down through “AGE” in line 38 and substitute “IF A CARRIER OFFERS A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY IN THE STATE, THE CARRIER MAY NOT CHARGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO A DISABILITY A HIGHER RATE FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY THAN THE RATE CHARGED BY THE CARRIER FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE SAME COUNTY OR ZIP CODE WHO ARE AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO AGE”; strike beginning with “this” in line 39 down through “2005” in line 40 and substitute “the Maryland Insurance Administration shall study the impact of § 15-909(b)(6) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on the availability and affordability of all Medicare supplement policies in the State and shall report its findings, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2008.”

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.