BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1043 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "altering" in line 3 down through "aid" in line 7 and substitute "requiring a seller of a hearing aid to bill fees for diagnostic tests separately from certain other charges; authorizing a seller of a hearing aid to deduct payments made for diagnostic tests from a refund paid to a purchaser after cancellation of a hearing aid purchase; requiring the disclosure of certain information in a notice of cancellation; making a certain conforming change"; after line 8, insert:

"BY adding to

<u>Article - Commercial Law</u> <u>Section 14-2502.1</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Commercial Law Section 14-2503(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)";

and in line 11, strike "14-2503" and substitute "14-2503(b) and (f)(1)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

"<u>14-2502.1.</u>

(A) THE SELLER OF A HEARING AID MUST BILL ANY FEE FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS SEPARATELY FROM ANY CHARGES FOR THE PURCHASE AND FITTING OF A HEARING AID.

(B) <u>A SEPARATELY BILLED FEE FOR A DIAGNOSTIC TEST IS NOT SUBJECT</u> <u>TO REFUND UNDER § 14-2503 OF THIS SUBTITLE.</u>";

in lines 22 and 24, in each instance, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with "AMOUNTS" in line 22 down through "SUBSECTION" in line 23 and substitute "<u>AND PAYMENTS MADE FOR</u> <u>DIAGNOSTIC TESTS</u>".

On page 2, in line 4, strike the bracket; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 10, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 35, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 2, strike "containing" and substitute "<u>THAT STATES THE TOTAL</u> <u>REFUNDABLE AMOUNT AND CONTAINS</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 36, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 3, strike the brackets; and in line 4, after "subtitle" insert "<u>AND</u> <u>PAYMENTS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS</u>".