

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1263

(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 3, strike "Special Fund" and substitute "Study"; in line 4, after the second "the" insert "Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Medbank Program to report on or before a certain date to the Governor and General Assembly on the effect on participation in the Maryland Medbank Program of the implementation and availability of certain prescription drug programs, the effect that participation in these programs will have on certain Medbank costs, and the efforts by Medbank to minimize administrative expenses and reduce reliance on public funds; and generally relating to a study of the Maryland Medbank Program.".

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with "Maryland" in line 4 on page 1 down through "Supplement" in line 26 on page 2.

On page 2, in line 28, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows:" and substitute "on or before September 1, 2005, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Medbank Program shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:

(1) the effect on participation in the Maryland Medbank Program of:

(I) the implementation of Medicare Part D under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended; and

(II) the availability of the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program to uninsured individuals with an annual household income below 200% of the federal poverty level;

(2) the effect that participation in the programs under item (1) of this section will have on ongoing costs of the Maryland Medbank Program; and

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(3) the efforts by the Maryland Medbank Program to minimize administrative expenses and reduce reliance on public funds.”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 2 through line 33 on page 5, inclusive.