

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 885

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Health Insurance -”; in the same line, after “Purchase” insert “- Study”; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 3 down through “order” in line 14 and substitute “requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, to study the utilization impact, cost savings, financial impact on retail pharmacies, and convenience of mail order service for purchasing certain maintenance drugs; requiring the Administration and the Commission to issue a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the study of mail order purchases for maintenance prescription drugs”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive; and in line 21, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 15 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, shall study:

(1) the utilization of mail order service for purchasing a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs;

(2) the cost savings to consumers who elect to use mail order service for purchasing a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs;

(3) the financial impact of any increased utilization of mail order service for purchases of a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs on retail pharmacies in the State; and

(4) whether consumers find it convenient to use mail order service for the

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purchase of maintenance prescription drugs.

(b) On or before December 31, 2005, the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the findings of the study required under paragraph (a) of this section.”;

in line 17, strike “October 1” and substitute “July 1”.