BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1089

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike "and" and substitute a comma; in line 8, after "contract" insert ", and, in the case of a condition or hazard related to a mandated benefit, without the exclusionary rider, the carrier would otherwise disapprove the application for a health insurance contract"; strike beginning with "clarifying" in line 8 down through the semicolon in line 9 and substitute "requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to obtain certain information from health insurance carriers regarding exclusionary riders and to report on the information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;"; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 1 through line 13 on page 4, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 33, strike "AND".

On page 5, in line 3, after "CONTRACT" insert "; AND

(3) IN THE CASE OF A CONDITION OR HAZARD RELATED TO A MANDATED BENEFIT, WITHOUT THE EXCLUSIONARY RIDER, THE CARRIER WOULD OTHERWISE DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT.".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, after line 7, insert:

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"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Insurance Administration shall obtain information from health insurance carriers regarding the frequency and duration of exclusionary riders issued by the carriers and the conditions or hazards excluded under the riders. On or before January 1, 2006, the Administration shall report on the information obtained, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.";

in line 8, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 12, after the period, insert "It shall remain effective through May 31, 2007, and, at the end of May 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".