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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Maryland Medicaid
4 Preferred Drug List Program; providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and
5 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the
6 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
7 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the
8 Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List Program.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List
12 Program.

13 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 15 members:

14 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House of Delegates;

18 (3) the following three members, appointed by the Secretary of Health
19 and Mental Hygiene:

20 (i) one representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance
21 Program;

22 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Pharmacy Program; and

23 (iii) one representative of the State of Maryland Pharmacy and
24 Therapeutic Committee; and

25 (4) the following eight members, appointed by the Governor:

26 (i) two physician representatives;

- 1 (ii) two pharmacy representatives;
- 2 (iii) two representatives of the pharmaceutical industry; and
- 3 (iv) two consumer representatives that receive benefits under the
4 Maryland Pharmacy Program.

5 (c) The members shall elect a chair from among the members.

6 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
7 Task Force.

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

10 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
11 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

12 (f) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) study and make recommendations regarding the Maryland Medicaid
14 Preferred Drug List Program, including:

15 (i) the cost efficiency of the Preferred Drug List Program;

16 (ii) the efficiency of the nonpreferred drug preauthorization process
17 and any negative effects on individuals receiving benefits under the Maryland
18 Pharmacy Program as a result of the nonpreferred drug preauthorization process;

19 (iii) the most effective means of providing information on the
20 nonpreferred drug preauthorization process to physicians, pharmacies, and
21 consumers;

22 (iv) the value of a periodic survey conducted by the Department of
23 Health and Mental Hygiene for individuals receiving benefits under the Maryland
24 Pharmacy Program;

25 (v) the process for public participation in the meetings of the State
26 of Maryland Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee; and

27 (vi) any other issue the Task Force considers important; and

28 (2) report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
29 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on
30 or before December 31, 2007.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
33 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
34 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

