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Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Contracts of Carriers with Providers or Hospitals -**  
3 **Prohibited Provisions**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting carriers from including in contracts with providers or  
5 hospitals certain terms or conditions relating to reimbursement rates and  
6 reimbursement arrangements; making a violation of this Act an unfair and  
7 deceptive practice for purposes of insurance; and generally relating to contracts  
8 of carriers with providers and hospitals under health insurance.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Insurance  
11 Section 15-112(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Insurance  
16 Section 15-112(m) and 27-222  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Insurance**

22 15-112.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) (i) "Carrier" means:

25 1. an insurer;

