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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 372

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Vaughn” and substitute “Vaughn, Benson, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Kach, Kipke, McDonough, Mizeur, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Reznik, V. Turner, and Weldon”; in line 9, after “conflicts;” insert “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek certain reimbursement for certain services; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to separately account for certain funds;”; and in line 15, after “dates;” insert “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Board, to submit a certain application for certain funds on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to submit a copy of the application to the Maryland Congressional Delegation and certain committees of the General Assembly;”.

On page 3, in line 22, strike “**ARMED FORCES**” and substitute “**UNIFORMED SERVICES**”; after line 20, insert:

“(I) **“UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 10 U.S.C. § 101.**”;

and in line 21, strike “(I)” and substitute “(J)”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(J)” and substitute “(K)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 28, insert:

“(3) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OR OTHER**

(Over)

RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PAYER FOR ANY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACCOUNT SEPARATELY FOR FUNDS USED TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, after line 13, insert:

“(7) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND”;

and in line 14, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”.

On page 7, in line 16, after “ENTITIES” insert “, INCLUDING HOSPITALS”; in line 26, strike the second “AND”; and in line 29, after “FAMILIES” insert “; AND”

(9) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON METHODS TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DUE TO A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE OR RELEASE FOR A REASON RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MENTAL ILLNESS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, after line 2, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before September 1, 2008, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Veterans Behavioral Health Advisory Board

established under Section 1 of this Act, shall submit a grant application to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other appropriate federal agency for a minimum of \$3,500,000 in federal funds in fiscal year 2010 and a minimum of \$3,500,000 in federal funds in fiscal year 2011 to support the provision of behavioral health services to veterans under this Act.

(b) The Department shall send a copy of the application required under this section to the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”;

and in line 3, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.