

HB0235/417875/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 235
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Emergency” in line 2 down through “Payments” in line 3 and substitute “Transporters”; in line 7, after “Department;” insert “requiring the Department, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study certain issues regarding the creation of a uniform nonemergency statewide transportation program to serve enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Department to report certain findings to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in the same line, strike “emergency”; and in line 8, after “transporters” insert “for enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

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

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study:

(1) the feasibility of creating a uniform nonemergency statewide transportation program to serve enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(2) any cost savings that might arise from the creation of a statewide program;

(3) any potential for quality improvement that would result from the creation of a statewide program; and

(Over)

(4) the impact that creation of a statewide program would have on local health departments.

(b) In conducting the study, the Department shall consult with the appropriate stakeholders, including providers, consumers, and local health departments.

(c) On or before October 1, 2008, the Department shall report its findings under this section, 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 12, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 13, strike “October” and substitute “July”.