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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 679

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Kittleman” and substitute “Senators Kittleman, Della, Exum, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Klausmeier, Middleton, and Pugh”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 6 down through “rating;” in line 7; strike beginning with “removing” in line 9 down through “rates;” in line 10; strike beginning with “removing” in line 12 down through “law;” in line 16 and substitute “requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a certain study and identify certain of provisions of law; requiring the Administration to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 23, inclusive; and in line 26, strike “, 10-126, and 10-130”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 20 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 5, strike the brackets; strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7; in line 8, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(V)”; in line 20, strike the bracket; in line 23, strike the first bracket; and in line 31, strike the brackets.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 5 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 5 through line 10 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

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

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(a) (1) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall study the impact of subjecting the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund to the provisions of law regarding rate making, rating, and rate review that are enforced by the Administration for other property and casualty insurers.

(2) The study shall include:

(i) an analysis of whether the Fund's current rate making practices produce actuarially sound rates;

(ii) a determination of the cost impact to the Fund for the Fund to be required to file rates with a rating organization; and

(iii) a comparison of the experience rating plan used by the Fund for small employers as compared to the experience rating plan established by a rating organization for small employers.

(b) The Administration shall identify other provisions of law relating to consumer protections and financial soundness that are enforced by the Administration and are applicable to other property and casualty insurers, but are not applicable to the Fund.

(c) In conducting its study and identification of other provisions of law under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Administration shall seek input, as appropriate, from the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc., the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, representatives of small businesses, and any other person that the Administration considers appropriate.

(d) On or before December 1, 2008, the Administration shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and recommendations on how rates should be established for the Injured Workers'

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Insurance Fund to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”;

and in line 11, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.