

**HB0004/213025/1**

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “employer;” insert “requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to prioritize subsidies for certain small employers; requiring the Commission to cap the number of new subsidies for certain small employers under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; authorizing, notwithstanding the termination of certain provisions of this Act, certain small employers to continue to receive a subsidy under certain circumstances; providing for the effective dates of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 4, after “Commission” insert “:

(1)”;

and in line 6, after “employer” insert “:

(2) AT THE TIME OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A SUBSIDY, SHALL PRIORITIZE SUBSIDIES FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE AT LEAST TWO BUT NOT MORE THAN NINE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES; AND

(3) IF FUNDING FOR SUBSIDIES IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND, SHALL CAP THE NUMBER OF NEW SUBSIDIES FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR THE SUBSIDY, HAVE AT LEAST 10 BUT NOT MORE THAN 19 ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 8, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes to § 15–12A–03(a)(1) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall take effect July 1, 2009. The changes to § 15–12A–03(a)(1) shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, the changes to § 15–12A–03(a)(1) shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 2 of this Act, any small employer that is receiving a subsidy under the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program on June 30, 2012, and, at the time of initial application for the subsidy, had at least 10 but not more than 19 eligible employees, may continue to receive a subsidy if all other requirements of § 15–2A–03 of the Insurance Article are met.”;

in line 9, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 2 of this Act.”.