

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 674

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Morhaim” and substitute “Delegates Morhaim, Hammen, Pendergrass, Benson, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Hubbard, Kach, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, McDonough, Montgomery, Nathan-Pulliam, Pena-Melnyk, Riley, Tarrant, V. Turner, and Weldon”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 8 down through “circumstances;” in line 12; in line 14, after “level;” insert “repealing a certain requirement that the Standard Plan include certain uniform deductibles and cost sharing; requiring the Commission to specify certain deductibles and cost-sharing;”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 16 down through “plans;” in line 22; and in line 24, after “of” insert “and requirements for”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “providing” in line 4 down through the first “Act;” in line 5; in line 5, before the second “providing” insert “providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act;”; and in line 18, strike “15–1204(a) through (d).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 4 through line 17 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, strike beginning with “The” in line 22 down through “Commission” in line 23 and substitute “**THE COMMISSION SHALL SPECIFY THE DEDUCTIBLES AND COST-SHARING ASSOCIATED WITH THE BENEFITS IN THE STANDARD PLAN**”.

(Over)

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 30, inclusive, and substitute **“THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-508 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO A POLICY OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO A SMALL EMPLOYER.”**.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, in line 1, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike **“THAT VARIES FROM”**; in line 3, strike **“AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER”**; in line 6, after “renewal;” insert **“AND”**; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 7 down through “limitations” in line 8; in line 13, after “renewal;” insert **“AND”**; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 14 down through “limitations” in line 15; in lines 18 and 19, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 19, strike **“BENEFITS THAT VARY FROM THE STANDARD PLAN”**; in line 20, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike **“OFFERED”**; in line 27, after “renewal;” insert **“AND”**; in line 28, strike “rating; and” and substitute **“RATING.”**; and strike line 29 in its entirety.

On page 9, in line 20, strike the brackets; in line 21, after “Eastern” insert **“AND SOUTHERN”**; and strike line 22 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 10, in line 12, strike **“65%”** and substitute **“50%”**; in line 13, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike **“65%”**.

in line 18, strike **“2012”** and substitute **“2013”**; in line 21, strike the first set of brackets; in the same line, strike **“65%”**; and in line 22, after “subsection” insert **“AND THE EFFECT OF THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY RATE FOR HEALTH STATUS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION”**.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 11, strike beginning with **“ON”** in line 9 down through **“PLAN”** in line 10 and substitute **“IF A SMALL EMPLOYER HAS NOT OFFERED A HEALTH BENEFIT**

PLAN ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF THE SMALL EMPLOYER IN THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN".

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On pages 12 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 12 through line 2 on page 14, inclusive.

On page 14, in line 3, strike "5." and substitute "4."; in line 4, after "study" insert ":

(1)";

in line 6, after "Plan" insert ":

(2) potential options for allowing plans with fewer benefits than the Standard Plan to be sold in the small group market, including the impact of any of the potential options and the need for any additional legislative authority for the Commission to implement any recommended options; and

(3) whether any additional authority is needed to effectively implement the website application required under § 19-108.1 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, that allows small businesses to compare premiums of health benefit plans issued under the small group market";

in line 10, strike "6." and substitute "5."; in line 13, strike "7." and substitute "6."; in lines 14 and 15, in each instance, strike "October 1, 2009" and substitute "July 1, 2010"; strike beginning with "It" in line 15 down through "effect." in line 18; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 21, inclusive; in line 22, strike "9." and substitute "7."; and in line 23, strike "6, 7, and 8" and substitute "5 and 6".