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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 526
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "Pena-Melnyk and Costa" and substitute "Costa, Pena-Melnyk, Hammen, Pendergrass, Benson, Bromwell, Donohue, Elliott, Hubbard, Kach, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, McDonough, Montgomery, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Reznik, Riley, Tarrant, V. Turner, and Weldon"; in line 2, after "Organizations" insert ", Insurance Carriers,"; in line 6, strike "requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate" and substitute "providing hospitals with the option of using"; in line 7, after "hospitals;" insert "authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to designate a certain provider credentialing application as the uniform credentialing form under certain circumstances;"; in the same line, strike "a"; and in line 8, strike "definition" and substitute "definitions".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 20, strike the first "the" and substitute "**:**

(I)   THE";

and in line 21, after "hospital" insert "**; OR**

(II)   THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM THAT THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATES UNDER § 15–112.1 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 15, inclusive; in lines 16 and 21, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 16, strike "**(6)**"; and in line 21, strike "**(7)**".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike beginning with "In" in line 6 down through "means" in line 9 and substitute:

"THE COMMISSIONER MAY DESIGNATE A PROVIDER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION DEVELOPED BY A NONPROFIT ALLIANCE OF HEALTH PLANS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS FOR AN ONLINE CREDENTIALING SYSTEM OFFERED TO CARRIERS AND PROVIDERS AS THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM IF:

(I)   THE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDERS AT NO CHARGE; AND

(II)   USE OF THE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION IS NOT CONDITIONED ON SUBMITTING THE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION TO A CARRIER THROUGH THE ONLINE CREDENTIALING SYSTEM".