BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 298
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "Service" in line 2 down through "Required" in line 3 and substitute "Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians - Information"; strike beginning with "require" in line 7 down through "regulations;" in line 10 and substitute "provide to certain physicians, before the physicians sign a certain contract, clear and detailed information on the requirements of a certain service obligation and certain financial penalties for breach of a certain contract; requiring a certain contract to include an example of certain potential financial penalties;"; strike beginning with "a" in line 11 down through "by" in line 12; in line 13, after "Assistance" insert "and the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians"; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive; and in line 21, strike "18-206" and substitute "18-2805.1".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 2 through line 21 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, after line 21, insert:

"**18-2805.1.**

(A) **BEFORE A PHYSICIAN MAY SIGN A CONTRACT ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE IN REPAYMENT OF AN EDUCATION LOAN UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE THE PHYSICIAN WITH CLEAR AND DETAILED INFORMATION ON:**

(1) T**HE** **REQUIREMENTS** **OF** **THE** **SERVICE** **OBLIGATION** **COMPONENT OF THE AGREEMENT; AND**

(2) A**NY** **FINANCIAL** **PENALTIES** **FOR** **DEFAULTING** **IN** **THE** **PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE OBLIGATION OR BREACHING THE TERMS OF THE** P**ROGRAM PARTICIPATION CONTRACT.**

(B) A **CONTRACT** **SIGNED** **BY** **A** **PHYSICIAN** **AND** **THE** O**FFICE** **TO** **PARTICIPATE IN THE** P**ROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE AN EXAMPLE OF THE** **POTENTIAL FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.**";

in line 24, strike "§ 18-1502(c) of the Education Article or"; and in line 25, strike "24" and substitute "28".