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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Maryland's Proposal to Maintain the**
3 **Medicare Waiver**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Maryland's
5 Proposal to Maintain the Medicare Waiver; providing for the composition, chair,
6 and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
7 receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
8 expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain matters related to a certain
9 waiver application; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the
10 Governor and certain standing committees of the General Assembly on or before
11 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
12 to the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Maryland's Proposal to Maintain
13 the Medicare Waiver.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Maryland's Proposal to
17 Maintain the Medicare Waiver.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, one of whom shall be a
20 member of the minority party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

21 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a
22 member of the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner;

2 (5) the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
3 Commission;

4 (6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission;

5 (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health and Higher
6 Educational Facilities Authority;

7 (8) three commissioners of the Health Services Cost Review
8 Commission, appointed by the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review
9 Commission;

10 (9) three representatives of the insurance industry in the State,
11 including the Chief Executive Officer of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and the Chief
12 Executive Officer of United Healthcare, appointed by the Maryland Insurance
13 Commissioner; and

14 (10) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

15 (i) three representatives of the Maryland Hospital Association,
16 including one representative of a hospital that is not affiliated with the University of
17 Maryland Medical System, MedStar Health, or any other similar medical system;

18 (ii) two representatives of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical
19 Society;

20 (iii) two representatives of the Maryland Nurses Association;
21 and

22 (iv) two consumers of health care services.

23 (c) The Governor shall appoint the members of the Task Force listed in
24 subsection (b)(10)(i) through (iii) of this section from a list of names submitted by the
25 organizations that the members represent.

26 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each shall
27 appoint a cochair of the Task Force.

28 (e) The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall provide staff for the
29 Task Force.

30 (f) A member of the Task Force:

31 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
2 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (g) The Task Force shall study:

4 (1) the Medicare waiver application submitted by the Department of
5 Health and Mental Hygiene to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
6 in March 2013 and its potential impact on:

7 (i) general public health;

8 (ii) health care planning;

9 (iii) health care capital investments and finances;

10 (iv) the provision of patient care, including inpatient and
11 outpatient care;

12 (v) insurance reimbursement rates;

13 (vi) recruitment and retention of health care practitioners; and

14 (vii) uncompensated care; and

15 (2) the impact of the implementation of the federal Patient Protection
16 and Affordable Care Act on the Medicare waiver application.

17 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings to
18 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
19 Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations
20 Committee.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
23 end of June 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
24 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.