

# SENATE BILL 504

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Senator Kelley

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Essential Health Benefits – Pediatric Dental Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a health benefit plan offered by a health insurance  
4 carrier outside the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to individuals or small  
5 employers is not required to include certain pediatric dental benefits under  
6 certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally  
7 relating to health benefit plans offered outside the Maryland Health Benefit  
8 Exchange.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Insurance

11 Section 31-116(a)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Insurance

16 Section 31-116(f)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Insurance**

22 31-116.

23 (a) The essential health benefits required under § 1302(a) of the Affordable  
24 Care Act:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



11                   (F) TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER FEDERAL LAW, A HEALTH  
12 BENEFIT PLAN OFFERED OUTSIDE THE EXCHANGE TO INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL  
13 EMPLOYERS IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PEDIATRIC DENTAL  
14 BENEFITS IF:

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
23 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
24 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
25 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
26 the date it is enacted.