

HOUSE BILL 1221

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Hammen**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Presumptive Eligibility – Required**
3 **Participation by Hospitals**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain hospitals, in accordance with certain regulations, to
5 agree to make presumptive eligibility determinations for the Maryland Medical
6 Assistance Program and actively submit presumptive eligibility applications to the
7 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; defining a certain term; making this Act
8 an emergency measure; and generally relating to presumptive eligibility for the
9 Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–148
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **15–148.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY” MEANS TEMPORARY**
20 **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED UNDER 42 C.F.R. § 435.1110.**

21 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2016, EACH LICENSED HOSPITAL IN THE STATE**
22 **THAT PARTICIPATES AS A PROVIDER IN THE PROGRAM SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE**
23 **WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) AGREE TO MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS;**
2 **AND**

3 **(2) ACTIVELY SUBMIT PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS TO**
4 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

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