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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1300

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Income Tax – Credit for” and substitute “Task Force to Study”; in the same line, after “Care” insert “Insurance”; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums.”;

and strike in their entirety line 8 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 14, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums.

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee; and

(6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association; and

(ii) one representative of the Maryland and District of Columbia Alliance for Retired Americans.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Aging shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

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- (1) (i) study long-term care insurance enrollment in the State;
- (ii) consider any reductions in State costs associated with the purchase of long-term care insurance; and
- (iii) consider the effect of a State income tax credit on long-term care premiums to increase enrollment; and
- (2) make recommendations regarding methods to increase enrollment in long-term care insurance.
- (g) On or before December 31, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation to address the findings of the Task Force, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 2 on page 3.

On page 3, in line 3, strike “July” and substitute “June”; in line 4, strike “, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016”; and in the same line, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.