HB0908/416183/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 908</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "and P. Young" and substitute "<u>P. Young,</u> <u>Pendergrass, Cullison, Kipke, Metzgar, Miele, Morgan, Saab, and West</u>"; in line 4, after "requiring" insert "<u>, except under certain circumstances</u>,"; and after line 14, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

<u>Article – Insurance</u> <u>Section 31–116(a)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2017 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 28, strike "**AN**" and substitute "<u>EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN</u> <u>SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN</u>"; in lines 30 and 33, in each instance, after "THE" insert "<u>COVERED</u>"; and in lines 31 and 33, in each instance, strike "SPOUSE".

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

"(D) <u>AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO</u> <u>PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION TO A RELIGIOUS</u> <u>ORGANIZATION THAT REQUESTS AND RECEIVES AN EXCLUSION FROM IN VITRO</u> <u>FERTILIZATION COVERAGE UNDER § 15-810(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE.</u>

<u>31–116.</u>

(a) <u>The essential health benefits required under § 1302(a) of the Affordable</u> <u>Care Act:</u>

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(1) shall be the benefits in the State benchmark plan, selected in accordance with this section; and

(2) notwithstanding any other benefits mandated by State law, shall be the benefits required in:

(i) subject to subsection (f) of this section, all individual health benefit plans and health benefit plans offered to small employers, except for grandfathered health plans, as defined in the Affordable Care Act, offered outside the Exchange; and

(ii) <u>subject to § 31–115(c) of this title, all qualified health plans</u> offered in the Exchange.".