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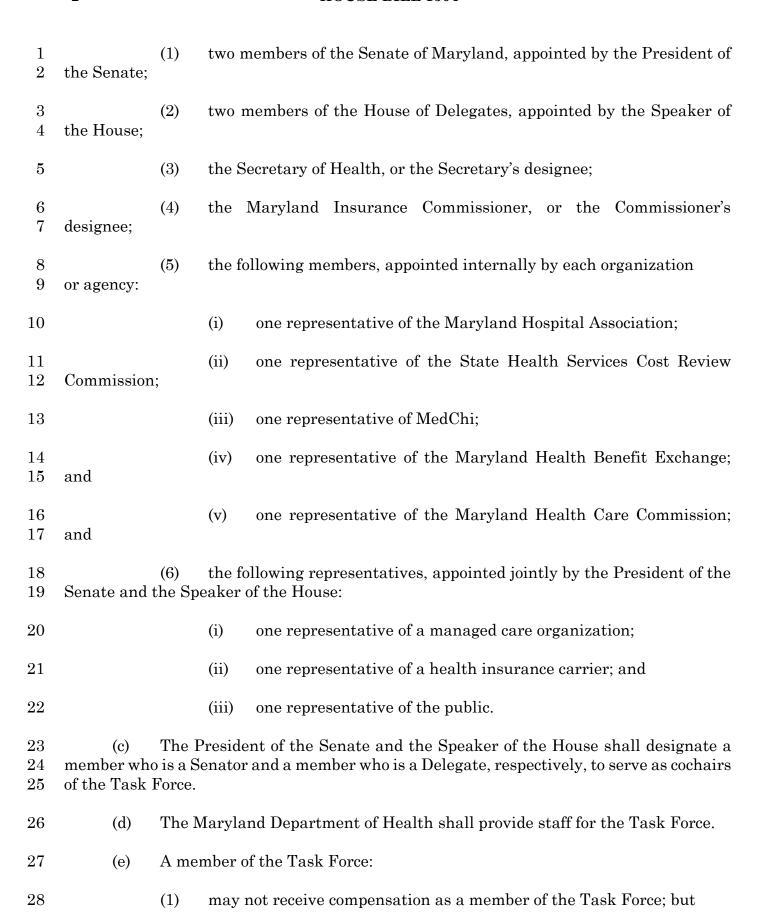
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Task Force to Study Reinsurance to Reduce Health Insurance Premiums

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Reinsurance to Reduce Health Insurance Premiums; providing for the composition, cochairs, 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 Reinsurance to Reduce Health Insurance Premiums.

12 Preamble

- WHEREAS, The federal government's transitional reinsurance program established under the Affordable Care Act expired in 2017; and
- WHEREAS, Reports have estimated that the Affordable Care Act's transitional reinsurance program reduced health insurance premiums by as much as 10%; and
- WHEREAS, Reinsurance programs have been shown to reduce health insurance premiums by as much as 20% in some states; now, therefore,
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 20 That:
- 21 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Reinsurance to Reduce Health Insurance 22 Premiums.
 - (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:



1 is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State (2) 2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget. 3 (f) The Task Force shall: 4 study the feasibility of creating a State reinsurance program for the (1)purpose of providing reimbursement to health insurance carriers with high-cost enrollees; 5 6 study whether a State reinsurance program would help stabilize the (2)7 health insurance market, including creating a model to estimate potential reductions in health insurance premiums; and 8 9 make recommendations regarding the creation of a subsidized 10 reinsurance program in the State, including: the creation of a fund for reinsurance; and 11 (i) 12 (ii) the amount needed for the fund and potential sources of funding. On or before December 1, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and 13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State 14 15 Government Article, the General Assembly. 16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 17 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June

30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be

abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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