

HB0297/463024/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 297
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Kerr**” and substitute “**Delegates Kerr, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Lopez, Martinez, Pena-Melnyk, Rosenberg, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**”; in line 7, after “Program;” insert “authorizing rather than requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement the Program; prohibiting the Exchange from implementing the Program if certain funds are not available;”; after line 8, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 31-107(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

and in line 11, after “31–107” insert “(b), (f)(1)(iv), and (g)(1)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 2 down through line 12 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 24, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 27 through 29, inclusive.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 34, inclusive.

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On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 10, inclusive; in line 14, after “(b)” insert “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “The” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**”; in line 15, strike “shall” and substitute “**MAY**”; and after line 17, insert:

“(2) THE EXCHANGE MAY NOT IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEARS IN WHICH FUNDS FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER § 6-102.1 OF THIS ARTICLE ARE NOT AVAILABLE.”.

On page 6, in lines 1, 6, and 8, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 6, after “(2)” insert “**(I)**”; and after line 8, insert:

“(I) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, THE EXCHANGE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER, MAY DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE FUND TO PROVIDE ANNUAL SUBSIDIES TO YOUNG ADULTS WHO MEET THE SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.”.