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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 459

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Stein**” and substitute “**, Stein, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Pena-Melnyk, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, Woods, and Woorman**”; in line 2, strike “**Health Insurance**” and substitute “**Counties**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 5 down through “firefighters;” in line 10; in line 11, strike “and municipalities”; strike beginning with “comply” in line 12 down through “Act” in line 14 and substitute “**provide to firefighters employed by the county coverage for preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a certain annual examination or applying for a certain grant; prohibiting counties from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement on the coverage; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a certain study**”; in line 15, strike “health insurance” and substitute “**counties**”; strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive; and in line 24, strike “1-207” and substitute “**9-114**”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 8 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 9 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 11, strike “**1-207.**” and substitute “**9-114.**”

(A) **(1)**”;

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in line 12, strike “A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY”; and strike beginning with “ENSURE” in line 13 down through “ARTICLE” in line 14 and substitute “PROVIDE TO EACH FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY COVERAGE FOR PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS.”

(2) A COUNTY SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENT ON COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) A COUNTY MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY:

(1) PROVIDING A NO-COST ANNUAL EXAMINATION TO FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY THAT INCLUDES PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR FIREFIGHTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS; OR

(2) APPLYING FOR A GRANT UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 40 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE TO PAY FOR INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING A MULTICANCER EARLY DETECTION BLOOD TEST.

(C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGES THAT ARE GREATER THAN OR MORE FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED OR AN ENROLLEE THAN THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION”.

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On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 3 through line 12 on page 4.

On page 4, strike beginning with “this” in line 13 down through “2026” in line 15 and substitute “:

(a) Each county subject to § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall collect for calendar years 2026 and 2027 the following data:

(1) the number of firefighters eligible for the coverage required under § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(2) the number of firefighters provided preventive cancer screenings;

(3) the number of preventive cancer screenings that resulted in a cancer diagnosis; and

(4) the cost to provide preventive cancer screenings, including:

(i) the average cost of providing preventive cancer screenings to a firefighter; and

(ii) the total cost for providing preventive cancer screenings to firefighters.

(b) On or before June 1, 2027, and June 1, 2028, each county subject to § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall report to the Maryland Health Care Commission the data collected under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) (1) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

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(i) study the impact of expanding the preventive cancer screenings coverage required under § 9–114 of the Local Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to the commercial insurance market; and

(ii) on or before December 1, 2028, report the results of the study to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(2) In completing the study required under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall consider the data reported under subsection (b) of this section”.