

SB0892/423828/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 892
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Public Health**” insert “**Health Occupations,**”; in the same line, strike “– **Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions**” and substitute “, **and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training Coverage Requirements, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care**”; in line 4, strike “certain”; in the same line, strike “a licensee” and substitute “licensees”; in line 5, strike “holder” and substitute “holders”; in the same line, after “complete” insert “certain”; strike beginning with “requirements” in line 5 down through “treatment” in line 8 and substitute “to grant a certain number of hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; authorizing certain health occupations boards to establish a maximum number of certain continuing education credits granted; requiring the Department to identify a certain training program in consultation with certain professional associations; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “the Maryland Health Care Commission,”; in line 9, strike “Women,” and substitute “Women”; strike beginning with “perimenopausal,” in line 11 down through “conditions” in line 12 and substitute “provider training, health insurance coverage, policy initiatives, and access to care related to menopause”; and after line 27, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15–864

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 11 and 12; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO EVALUATES AND MANAGES MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE.

(B) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD THAT REQUIRES A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL GRANT AT LEAST 2 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR EVERY 1 HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ON MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS COMPLETED BY THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATE HOLDERS REGARDING THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS THAT MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IN IDENTIFYING A TRAINING PROGRAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS, INCLUDING THE MENOPAUSE SOCIETY.

(D) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS

ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THAT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.;

in line 27, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in the same line, after “the” insert “Laws of”; in lines 27 and 28, strike “Health Care Commission shall” and substitute “read as follows”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 4 through line 3 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article – Insurance

15–864.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE–INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE–ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS AS DETERMINED BY THE TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.”.

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On page 5, in lines 4, 11, 20, 28, and 30, strike “4.”, “5.”, “6.”, “7.”, and “8.”, respectively, and substitute “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, “8.”, and “9.”, respectively; after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.”;

in line 28, strike “2” and substitute “1”; and in lines 30 and 31, strike “Section 7” and substitute “Sections 7 and 8”.