

HOUSE BILL 1117

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Elopement Response Devices—Insurance and Maryland Medical Assistance~~
3 ~~Program Coverage and Provision Under State Programs~~
4 Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council and the
5 Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs – Recommendations for
6 Elopement Response Devices

7 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring that certain State programs consider approved elopement~~
8 ~~response devices as a medical device, durable medical equipment, or assistive~~
9 ~~technology for purposes of the State programs; requiring the Maryland Medical~~
10 ~~Assistance Program, subject to certain limitations, to provide coverage for approved~~
11 ~~elopement response devices and supports; establishing requirements and~~
12 ~~prohibitions regarding the Program coverage for approved elopement response~~
13 ~~devices; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health~~
14 ~~maintenance organizations to provide coverage for approved elopement response~~
15 ~~devices and associated supports to certain individuals under certain circumstances~~
16 authorizing the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias
17 Council and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs to
18 recommend the use of elopement response devices as safety tools for certain
19 individuals who are at risk of elopement; and generally relating to elopement
20 response devices.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

22 Article – Health – General

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 13-3201(a) and (b)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

4 BY adding to
 5 Article – Health – General
 6 Section ~~13-32B-01~~ and ~~13-32B-02~~ to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 32B-
 7 Elopement Response Devices”; and ~~15-103(a)(2)(xxix)~~ and ~~15-160~~ 13-3206.1
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

10 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 11 ~~Article – Health – General~~
 12 ~~Section 15-103(a)(1)~~
 13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 14 ~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

15 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 16 ~~Article – Health – General~~
 17 ~~Section 15-103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii)~~
 18 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 19 ~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

20 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 21 ~~Article – Insurance~~
 22 ~~Section 15-801~~
 23 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 24 ~~(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

25 ~~BY adding to~~
 26 ~~Article – Insurance~~
 27 ~~Section 15-801.1~~
 28 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 29 ~~(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

30 BY adding to
 31 Article – Human Services
 32 Section 7-112.1
 33 Annotated Code of Maryland
 34 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

35 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 36 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

37 **Article – Health – General**

38 13-3201.

1 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Council” means the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related
3 Dementias Council.

4 **13-3206.1.**

5 (A) (1) **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
6 **INDICATED.**

7 (2) (I) **“ELOPEMENT” MEANS BEHAVIOR IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL**
8 **WITH A COGNITIVE, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION LEAVES OR**
9 **ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE A SAFE AND SUPERVISED AREA WITHOUT:**

10 1. **THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE OR AVOID RISK; OR**

11 2. **THE ABILITY TO RETURN SAFELY WITHOUT**
12 **ASSISTANCE.**

13 (II) **“ELOPEMENT” INCLUDES WANDERING THAT CREATES A**
14 **RISK OF HARM, INJURY, OR DEATH.**

15 (3) (I) **“ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE” MEANS AN ASSISTIVE**
16 **TECHNOLOGY DEVICE OR A MEDICAL SAFETY DEVICE THAT IS:**

17 1. **A WEARABLE, PORTABLE, OR INTEGRATED**
18 **ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR SYSTEM THAT USES GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM**
19 **TECHNOLOGY, RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY, BLUETOOTH, OR**
20 **SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, OR RAPID**
21 **LOCATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AT RISK OF ELOPEMENT DUE TO A COGNITIVE,**
22 **DEVELOPMENTAL, NEUROLOGICAL, OR MEMORY-RELATED CONDITION; AND**

23 2. **USED FOR PURPOSES OF PATIENT SAFETY,**
24 **FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AND PARTICIPATION IN HOME OR COMMUNITY**
25 **SETTINGS.**

26 (II) **“ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE” INCLUDES:**

27 1. **A DEVICE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS**
28 **PARAGRAPH THAT HAS FEATURES THAT ENABLE THE SECURE STORAGE AND**
29 **TRANSMISSION OF CRITICAL INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION TO CAREGIVERS,**
30 **EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, OR FIRST RESPONDERS TO FACILITATE TIMELY,**
31 **INFORMED, AND COORDINATED RESPONSE IN ELOPEMENT EMERGENCY**
32 **SITUATIONS; AND**

1 **2. ANY ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES**
2 **NECESSARY FOR A DEVICE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**
3 **TO FUNCTION AS A MEDICAL SAFETY AND ASSISTIVE TOOL.**

4 **(B) THE COUNCIL MAY RECOMMEND THE USE OF ELOPEMENT RESPONSE**
5 **DEVICES AS SAFETY TOOLS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF ELOPEMENT**
6 **BECAUSE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS.**

7 **Article – Human Services**

8 **7-112.1.**

9 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
10 **INDICATED.**

11 **(2) (I) “ELOPEMENT” MEANS BEHAVIOR IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL**
12 **WITH A COGNITIVE, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION LEAVES OR**
13 **ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE A SAFE AND SUPERVISED AREA WITHOUT:**

14 **1. THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE OR AVOID RISK; OR**

15 **2. THE ABILITY TO RETURN SAFELY WITHOUT**
16 **ASSISTANCE.**

17 **(II) “ELOPEMENT” INCLUDES WANDERING THAT CREATES A**
18 **RISK OF HARM, INJURY, OR DEATH.**

19 **(3) (I) “ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE” MEANS AN ASSISTIVE**
20 **TECHNOLOGY OR A MEDICAL SAFETY DEVICE THAT IS:**

21 **1. A WEARABLE, PORTABLE, OR INTEGRATED**
22 **ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR SYSTEM THAT USES GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM**
23 **TECHNOLOGY, RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY, BLUETOOTH, OR**
24 **SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, OR RAPID**
25 **LOCATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AT RISK OF ELOPEMENT DUE TO A COGNITIVE,**
26 **DEVELOPMENTAL, NEUROLOGICAL, OR MEMORY-RELATED CONDITION; AND**

27 **2. USED FOR PURPOSES OF PATIENT SAFETY,**
28 **FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE, AND PARTICIPATION IN HOME, COMMUNITY, OR**
29 **EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS.**

30 **(II) “ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE” INCLUDES:**

1 1. A DEVICE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
2 PARAGRAPH THAT HAS FEATURES THAT ENABLE THE SECURE STORAGE AND
3 TRANSMISSION OF CRITICAL INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION TO CAREGIVERS,
4 EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, OR FIRST RESPONDERS TO FACILITATE TIMELY,
5 INFORMED, AND COORDINATED RESPONSE IN ELOPEMENT EMERGENCY
6 SITUATIONS; AND

7 2. ANY ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES
8 NECESSARY FOR A DEVICE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
9 TO FUNCTION AS A MEDICAL SAFETY AND ASSISTIVE TOOL.

10 (B) THE ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM-RELATED NEEDS
11 MAY RECOMMEND THE USE OF ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES AS SAFETY TOOLS
12 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF ELOPEMENT BECAUSE OF AUTISM.

13 ~~SUBTITLE 32B. ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES.~~

14 ~~13-32B-01.~~

15 ~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
16 ~~INDICATED.~~

17 ~~(B) "APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE" HAS THE MEANING~~
18 ~~STATED IN § 15-160 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

19 ~~(C) "ELOPEMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-160 OF THIS~~
20 ~~ARTICLE.~~

21 ~~13-32B-02.~~

22 ~~(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL~~
23 ~~ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.~~

24 ~~(B) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, IF A STATE PROGRAM~~
25 ~~PROVIDES FUNDING OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR OR THE DIRECT PROVISION OF~~
26 ~~MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR MEDICAL RELATED SUPPLIES TO OLDER ADULTS OR~~
27 ~~INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE STATE PROGRAM SHALL CONSIDER AN~~
28 ~~APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE TO BE A MEDICAL DEVICE, DURABLE~~
29 ~~MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE~~
30 ~~PROGRAM.~~

31 ~~(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES WITHOUT REGARD~~
32 ~~TO WHEN THE STATE PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED.~~

~~15-103.~~

~~(a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

~~(2) The Program:~~

~~(xxvii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia, shall provide coverage for the delivery of anesthesia in accordance with § 15-862 of the Insurance Article; [and]~~

~~(xxviii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, shall provide calcium score testing in accordance with § 15-863 of the Insurance Article; AND~~

~~(XXIX) SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, COVERAGE OF ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES AND SUPPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-160 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~15-160.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(2) (i) "APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE" MEANS A MEDICAL DEVICE OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF OR RESPONSE TO ELOPEMENT.~~

~~(ii) "APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE" INCLUDES DOOR OR WINDOW SENSORS, WEARABLE OR PORTABLE LOCATION ENABLED DEVICES, AND RELATED ALERTING TECHNOLOGY.~~

~~(3) "ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT" MEANS A PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHO:~~

~~(i) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS AND ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 15-149 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

~~(ii) IS ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE THROUGH A HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER; OR~~

~~(iii) HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR A RELATED DEMENTIA AND MEETS MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~

1 ~~(4) (i) "ELOPEMENT" MEANS BEHAVIOR IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL~~
2 ~~WITH A COGNITIVE, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION LEAVES OR~~
3 ~~ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE A SAFE AND SUPERVISED AREA WITHOUT:~~

4 ~~1. THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE OR AVOID RISK; OR~~

5 ~~2. THE ABILITY TO RETURN SAFELY WITHOUT~~
6 ~~ASSISTANCE.~~

7 ~~(ii) "ELOPEMENT" INCLUDES WANDERING THAT CREATES A~~
8 ~~RISK OF HARM, INJURY, OR DEATH.~~

9 ~~(5) "QUALIFIED LICENSED PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN, A NURSE~~
10 ~~PRACTITIONER, A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, OR ANY OTHER LICENSED HEALTH CARE~~
11 ~~PRACTITIONER ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S~~
12 ~~LICENSE.~~

13 ~~(6) "QUALIFYING PLAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION~~
14 ~~PROGRAM, A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN, AN INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE~~
15 ~~PLAN, OR ANY OTHER CLINICAL OR EDUCATIONAL PLAN THAT DOCUMENTS A~~
16 ~~HISTORY OR RISK OF ELOPEMENT.~~

17 ~~(b) (1) SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL, THE PROGRAM SHALL COVER~~
18 ~~AN APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTS FOR AN~~
19 ~~ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT WHEN ORDERED OR PRESCRIBED BY A QUALIFIED LICENSED~~
20 ~~PROVIDER AND DOCUMENTED IN A QUALIFYING PLAN.~~

21 ~~(2) COVERAGE MAY BE PROVIDED UNDER THE STATE PLAN,~~
22 ~~INCLUDING:~~

23 ~~(i) AS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR A COMPARABLE~~
24 ~~BENEFIT CATEGORY;~~

25 ~~(ii) AS AN EPSDT SERVICE WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR~~
26 ~~ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS; OR~~

27 ~~(iii) AS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY OR SPECIALIZED MEDICAL~~
28 ~~EQUIPMENT FOR PURPOSES OF A HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES~~
29 ~~WAIVER.~~

30 ~~(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:~~

~~(I) REASONABLE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENSURE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND~~

~~(II) REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE SAFETY OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.~~

~~(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT FOR ANY LOCATION ENABLED DEVICE FROM THE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT OR, IF THE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT LACKS THE CAPACITY TO CONSENT, THE ENROLLEE'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.~~

~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS AND DATA MINIMIZATION STANDARDS FOR APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES, INCLUDING LIMITS ON DATA ELEMENTS, RETENTION, AND ACCESS CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.~~

~~(3) THE USE OF AN APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE OR FAILURE TO USE AN APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES OR BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(D) AN APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE MAY NOT BE DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE OR FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER STATE PROGRAM SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT THE APPROVED DEVICE INCORPORATES GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY, WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, OR CONSUMER AVAILABLE COMPONENTS.~~

~~(E) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL ISSUE GUIDANCE TO ENABLE SCHOOL BASED BILLING OR COST ALLOCATION WHEN FEDERALLY ALLOWABLE, INCLUDING FOR USE OF APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICES IN SCHOOL SETTINGS CONSISTENT WITH A QUALIFYING PLAN.~~

~~(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT ANY NECESSARY STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND, IF APPLICABLE, WAIVER AMENDMENTS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAXIMIZE FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION.~~

~~(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH PILOTS OR PHASED IMPLEMENTATION.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CARRY OUT THIS SECTION THROUGH REGULATIONS, PROVIDER BULLETINS, OR GUIDANCE PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.~~

~~(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH 2029, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS, UTILIZATION OF APPROVED DEVICES, COSTS, AND OUTCOMES.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

~~Article Insurance~~

~~15-801.~~

~~(a) This section applies to:~~

~~(1) insurers that propose to issue or deliver in the State group or blanket health insurance policies that are written on an expense incurred basis; and~~

~~(2) nonprofit health service plans that propose to issue or deliver in the State group medical or major medical contracts that are written on an expense incurred basis.~~

~~(b) [An] SUBJECT TO § 15-801.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN entity subject to this section shall offer the policyholder the option of providing benefits for expenses arising from the care, including nursing home care and intermediate or custodial nursing care, of individuals who have Alzheimer's disease.~~

~~(c) [An] SUBJECT TO § 15-801.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN entity subject to this section shall offer the policyholder the option of providing benefits for expenses arising from the care of elderly individuals, including nursing home care and intermediate or custodial nursing care of elderly individuals who have any disease, other than Alzheimer's disease, that is designated in regulations adopted by the Commissioner.~~

~~(d) An entity subject to this section may establish reasonable limits on the benefits offered under this section, including copayment and deductible provisions and maximum annual and lifetime dollar limits.~~

~~15-801.1.~~

1 (A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
2 ~~INDICATED.~~

3 (2) ~~“APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE” HAS THE MEANING~~
4 ~~STATED IN § 15-160 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

5 (3) ~~“ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN~~
6 ~~DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE OR A RELATED DEMENTIA AND MEETS~~
7 ~~MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF~~
8 ~~HEALTH.~~

9 (4) ~~“ELOPEMENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-160 OF THE~~
10 ~~HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

11 (5) ~~“QUALIFIED LICENSED PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN~~
12 ~~§ 15-160 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

13 (6) ~~“QUALIFYING PLAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-160 OF~~
14 ~~THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

15 (B) ~~THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:~~

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

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

23 (C) ~~AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR~~
24 ~~AN APPROVED ELOPEMENT RESPONSE DEVICE AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTS FOR AN~~
25 ~~ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHEN ORDERED OR PRESCRIBED BY A QUALIFIED LICENSED~~
26 ~~PROVIDER AND DOCUMENTED IN A QUALIFYING PLAN.~~

27 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall~~
28 ~~apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the~~
29 ~~State on or after January 1, 2027.~~

30 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take~~
31 ~~effect January 1, 2027.~~

1 SECTION ~~5~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, ~~except as provided in~~
2 ~~Section 4 of this Act~~, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.