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(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 969
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “Act;” insert “providing that the benefits required under certain provisions of this Act are essential health benefits and apply to certain nongrandfathered plans;”; and after line 16, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Insurance
Section 31-116(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in lines 11 and 12 and 15, in each instance, strike “**TREATING PHYSICIAN**” and substitute “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER PRACTICING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE”; and after line 21, insert:

“(E) THE BENEFITS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND APPLY TO NONGRANDFATHERED PLANS SOLD IN THE INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL EMPLOYER MARKETS.”

31-116.

(a) The essential health benefits required under § 1302(a) of the Affordable Care Act:

(1) shall be the benefits in the State benchmark plan, selected in accordance with this section; and

(2) notwithstanding any other benefits mandated by State law **EXCEPT FOR THE BENEFITS MANDATED UNDER § 15-864 OF THIS ARTICLE**, shall be the benefits required in:

(i) subject to subsection (f) of this section, all individual health benefit plans and health benefit plans offered to small employers, except for grandfathered health plans, as defined in the Affordable Care Act, offered outside the Exchange; and

(ii) all qualified health plans offered in the Exchange.”.