

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2003. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 224
(Senate Bill 252)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Services

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services; specifying the duties of the Task Force; specifying the members of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to select a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from certain interested parties; requiring the Task Force to submit ~~a certain report~~ reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by ~~a certain date~~ dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to access to mental health services.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) There is a Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - (1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee; and
 - (5) Nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - (i) Three representatives of the health care services industry who are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice a health occupation under the Health Occupations Article;