

Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2004

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2008, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, a report that includes:

(a) for the periods July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, and January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, data on:

(1) the number of carriers offering Limited Health Benefit Plan policies in the State;

(2) the number of Limited Health Benefit Plan policies sold in the State;

(3) the number of eligible employees covered under the policies;

(4) the average age, geographic area, and average wage of each employer group covered under the policies; and

(5) the impact of the Limited Health Benefit Plan on the small group health insurance market and the population of uninsured individuals in the State; [and]

(b) recommendations on continuing or expanding the availability of the Limited Health Benefit Plan in the small group health insurance market; AND

(C) ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE LIMITED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) the Maryland Health Care Commission shall include in the next workload distribution study required under § 19-111(d) of the Health - General Article:

(1) the extent to which health care providers that are not currently subject to a user fee assessment utilize Commission resources; and

(2) the feasibility and desirability of extending a user fee to additional types of providers regulated by the Commission; and