

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Treasurer of Cecil County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Treasurer of Cecil County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 342

(Senate Bill 885)

AN ACT concerning

**~~Health Insurance~~— Maintenance Drug Prescriptions - Mail Order Purchase
- Study**

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a prohibition against certain health insurance or nonprofit health service plan policies or contracts imposing a co-payment, deductible, or other condition on the use of a community pharmacy that the policies or contracts do not impose on the services of a mail order pharmacy; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from limiting the purchase of certain maintenance drugs to purchase through mail order pharmacies; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to establish cost sharing for retail purchase of certain maintenance drugs that differs from cost sharing for mail order purchase; and generally relating to health insurance provisions for purchasing prescribed maintenance drugs through mail order requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, to study the utilization impact, cost savings, financial impact on retail pharmacies, and convenience of mail order service for purchasing certain maintenance drugs; requiring the Administration and the Commission to issue a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the study of mail order purchases for maintenance prescription drugs.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Insurance~~

~~Section 15-805 and 15-824~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~