

1. Serves at least one full-course evening dinner meal at least [6] 5 days a week;
2. Is only open during the time meals are served;
3. Has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seating at bars and counters) for 50 or more people; and
4. Is operated in facilities which are valued for purposes of State and local assessment and taxation at not less than \$50,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 347

### (Senate Bill 1014)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Health Insurance - Small Group Market - Self-Employed Individuals— Transfer to Maryland Health Insurance Plan**

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain self-employed individuals or sole proprietors are considered medically uninsurable individuals for purposes of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring the Plan to be a mechanism for certain self-employed individuals or sole proprietors to obtain health insurance coverage in the State; establishing certain criteria that self-employed individuals or sole proprietors must meet to be eligible for coverage under the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; altering certain criteria for determining when an employee is considered an eligible employee for small group market health insurance; repealing certain provisions of law requiring certain self-employed individuals to be considered small employers under small group market health insurance; repealing a certain provision of law that requires a carrier to establish a certain open enrollment period for self-employed individuals; altering certain definitions; requiring certain individuals to be automatically enrolled in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan on a certain date under certain circumstances; providing for the applicability of this Act; authorizing certain self-employed individuals or sole proprietors to remain enrolled in small group market health insurance under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of the Act; and generally relating to coverage for self-employed individuals under small group market health insurance and the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,