

(a) the effect of excluding self-employed individuals and sole proprietors from the small group market on the availability and affordability of health insurance in the small group market; and

(b) the number of self-employed individuals and sole proprietors enrolled in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 348

### (House Bill 70)

AN ACT concerning

~~Sales and Use Tax Exemption~~ — **University and College Textbooks - Consortium**

FOR the purpose of ~~providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale of certain textbooks bought by certain individuals; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of university and college textbooks~~ establishing the University Textbook Consortium within the University System of Maryland; stating the purpose of the Consortium; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to establish certain policies and procedures on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of the University Textbook Consortium.

BY adding to

~~Article Tax General~~

~~Section 11-230~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2004 Replacement Volume)~~

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 12-114

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: