

Md. 329 (1937), and because no case in Maryland has yet found a title invalid on the basis of surplusage, we do not conclude that the bill is clearly unconstitutional. Nevertheless, if the bill is signed, we recommend that its possibly defective title be corrected in next year's curative bill.

Very truly yours,
J. Joseph Curran, Jr.
Attorney General

¹ The establishment of this task force is clearly within the powers of the Governor even without implementing legislation.

House Bill No. 1563

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Reform – ~~Universal~~ Task Force on Health Care Quality and Access to Health Insurance and Health Care, Health Care, and Health Networks

FOR the purpose of creating a new regulatory program governing certain health benefit plans offered to employees of certain employers and to certain individuals; requiring certain employers to offer health insurance to their employees; clarifying that an employer is not required to contribute to the premium payments of employee health benefits; ~~authorizing the establishment of voluntary Regional Health Cooperatives in the State; providing for the establishment of rules and procedures for contracting with participating carriers; establishing an Interagency Task Force on Health Networks; providing for the makeup and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to develop a health network study; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act;~~ defining certain terms; and generally relating to the availability and marketing of health benefit plans to certain individuals and certain employees in the State.

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 734 through 754, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “57. Maryland Health Insurance Access Act”

Section 490W

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code

490W.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.