

(4) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SELF-EMPLOYED AND PART-TIME INDIVIDUALS;

(5) SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES, INCLUDING STANDARDIZED AND PRESTANDARDIZED PRODUCTS, FOR MEDICARE;

(6) THE CREATION OF HIGH-RISK POOLS;

(7) CROSS-SUBSIDIZATION BETWEEN GROUP AND NON-GROUP PRODUCTS; AND

(8) PROVIDING INDIVIDUALS WITH INSURANCE THROUGH A LIST BILLING MECHANISM PROVIDED ON A PRETAX DOLLAR BASIS.

(F) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE ON THE TASK FORCE; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE.

(H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 1999 AND A FINAL REPORT IN THE SAME MANNER ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2000.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the implementation of a substantial, available, and affordable coverage product in a form other than that which was required or approved on July 1, 1998 shall be suspended until after the Task Force to Study the Non-Group Health Insurance Market, established under § 15-126 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 3 of this Act, issues the preliminary report required under § 15-126.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the regulations required under § 12-203(g) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall be submitted to the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee by January 1, 2000.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the date that regulations adopted in accordance with this Act take effect. The Maryland Insurance Commissioner, in writing, shall certify to the House Economic Matters Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Department of Legislative Services the date on which the regulations take effect.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.