

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001. At the end of ~~December 1, 2001~~ January 1, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 389
(Senate Bill 458)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Substantial, Available, and Affordable Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain carriers to provide an individual with specific information regarding the availability of substantial, available, and affordable coverage in a certain form and manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to develop a mechanism to provide certain information through certain media to individuals, on request, about the availability of substantial, available, and affordable coverage; requiring certain carriers to annually notify the Commissioner of certain open enrollment periods by a certain date; allowing certain carriers to continue to provide to existing subscribers, and providing for the continued compliance of, substantial, available, and affordable indemnity plans that existed on a certain date; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to issue a certain request for proposal for an independent consultant to conduct a certain study; providing for the funding of the study; specifying the scope of the study; requiring the independent consultant contracted by the Department to conclude its report by a certain date, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date in a certain manner, and to provide a copy of the report to certain entities; providing for the application of certain portions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain portions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the substantial, available, and affordable coverage health insurance program.

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15-606.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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