

has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 8, 2003.

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## CHAPTER 2

### (House Bill 1100)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Health Insurance Plan – Board of Directors**  
**Health Insurance Coverage Availability Act of 2003**

FOR the purpose of making certain health insurance coverage available to certain individuals who lose coverage under certain circumstances and are eligible for a certain federal tax credit; making certain health insurance coverage available to certain individuals who lose coverage under a certain plan; requiring certain insurers to issue a Medicare supplemental policy to certain individuals; providing that certain provisions of this Act prevail over certain regulations; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to certain Medicare supplement policies; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to issue notice of certain requirements to certain carriers; altering the composition of adding members to the Board of Directors for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; specifying the appointment process for the additional members of the Board; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to give a certain notice and make a certain request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, to carry out a certain study, include a certain comparison in the study, and make a certain report; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan and health insurance coverage.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 14-501(a), (c), and (g); and 14-502, ~~and 14-503(a) and (b)~~

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section ~~14-501(f) and 14-503(e) and (d)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

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