

SECTION ~~10-~~ 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan shall begin enrolling individuals in the Plan and in the Senior Prescription Drug Program no later than July 1, 2003.

SECTION ~~11-~~ 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 ~~through~~ 4, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.

SECTION ~~12-~~ 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in ~~Section 11~~ Sections 15 and 16 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

## CHAPTER 154

### (House Bill 1254)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Acquisition of a Nonprofit Health Service Plan — ~~Prohibition~~ Entity - Determination by Regulating Entity**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a nonprofit health service plan formed or organized under the laws of the State from forming or organizing under the laws of another jurisdiction unless the Insurance Commissioner makes a certain determination; prohibiting a nonprofit health service plan from altering its structure, operations, or affiliations under certain circumstances; providing that the Insurance Commissioner may revoke a certificate of authority issued to a foreign corporation under certain circumstances; prohibiting officers and directors of a nonprofit health service plan from receiving certain remuneration as the result of a certain acquisition, subject to a certain exception; providing that a certain acquisition is not in the public interest unless appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that no officer, director, or trustee receives certain remuneration from the acquisition, subject to a certain exception; requiring that a certain determination may not take effect until a certain time; requiring a certain regulating entity to determine if certain assets distributed to a certain public or nonprofit charitable entity must be in the form of cash; requiring that certain assets distributed to a certain public or nonprofit charitable entity be in the form of cash; requiring a certain regulating entity to determine whether a certain payment required under a certain contract is in the public interest; prohibiting a nonprofit health service plan from being subject to acquisition; prohibiting a person from engaging in the acquisition of a nonprofit health service plan; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the acquisition of a nonprofit health service plan; altering certain definitions; defining a certain term; and generally relating to prohibiting the acquisition of a nonprofit health service plan providing for a stay of a certain determination of a certain regulating entity for a certain period of time; specifying that the General Assembly reserves the