

carriers that offer insurance in the small group market to offer the Limited Health Benefit Plan to certain small employers; authorizing a certain small employer to renew a limited benefit plan under certain circumstances; requiring a carrier to offer coverage for all eligible employees and dependents of a small employer that qualifies for and chooses the Limited Health Benefit Plan and prohibiting the carrier from offering the Standard Plan for any ~~members~~ employees of the small ~~employer's group~~ employer; prohibiting a carrier from offering a benefit in addition to the Limited Health Benefit Plan except for an additional benefit to lower the cost-sharing arrangements in the Limited Health Benefit Plan; providing that each additional benefit is subject to certain provisions of law; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to prohibit a carrier from offering an additional benefit under certain circumstances; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law relating to the MCHP private option plan; making certain clarifying and conforming changes; defining ~~a certain term~~ certain terms; requiring the Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation with certain groups, to develop a certain uniform form that health insurance carriers and producers must use to collect certain information; requiring the Commission and the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to take certain actions to ensure that the Limited Health Benefit Plan is available to be offered in the small group market on a certain date; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Limited Health Benefit Plan under small group market health insurance.

BY renumbering

Article – Insurance

Section 15–1201(i) through (p), respectively  
to be Section 15–1201 (j) through (q), respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–103(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–103(c)(6) and 19–108(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,