

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Advisory Panel on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits~~ Health Care Access and Cost Commission may make reasonable requests on carriers to submit data on the cost of a mandated health insurance ~~benefit service~~, utilization of a mandated health insurance ~~benefit service~~, and any other information the ~~Advisory Panel Commission~~ Commission considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if a member of the General Assembly submits a proposal for a mandated health insurance benefit service on or before July 1 of any year, the Commission, in accordance with the requirements of § 15-1501 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by this Act, shall review and evaluate the proposal and shall submit its findings and recommendations regarding the proposal in its December report of that year.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commission shall:

(a) conduct an initial evaluation of the cost of existing mandated health insurance benefits services and submit the results of its initial evaluation in the report due to the General Assembly under this Act by December 31, 1998;

(b) recommend in its report an appropriate percentage of the average annual wage in the State that the total cost of mandated health insurance benefits services may not exceed;

(c) take into consideration in its recommendation the percentage of the average annual wage in the State that relates to the premium associated with:

(1) the current mandated health insurance benefits services enacted in this State for a typical group and individual health benefits plan;

(2) the benefits provided under the State Employee Health Benefits Plan for medical coverage; and

(3) the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan as defined in § 15-1201(n) of the Insurance Article.

~~SECTION 4-6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July June 1, 1998.~~

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CHAPTER 589

(Senate Bill 147)

AN ACT concerning

Personal Property Tax - Small Businesses

FOR the purpose of exempting from valuation and property tax personal property ~~owned and exclusively used by certain business entities owning certain tangible~~