SENATE BILL 1080

J1, E4 EMERGENCY BILL

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By: The President and Senator Lam

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

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2 State Government - State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health 3 **Emergency - Authority of Governor** (COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Protection Act of 2020) 4 5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to take certain actions as a result of the 6 issuance of a certain proclamation for the duration of a certain emergency; defining 7 certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination 8 of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of the Governor in a state of 9 emergency and a catastrophic health emergency. SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. 10 11 That: 12 (a) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (1) "Carrier" means: 13 (2) 14 (i) an insurer;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

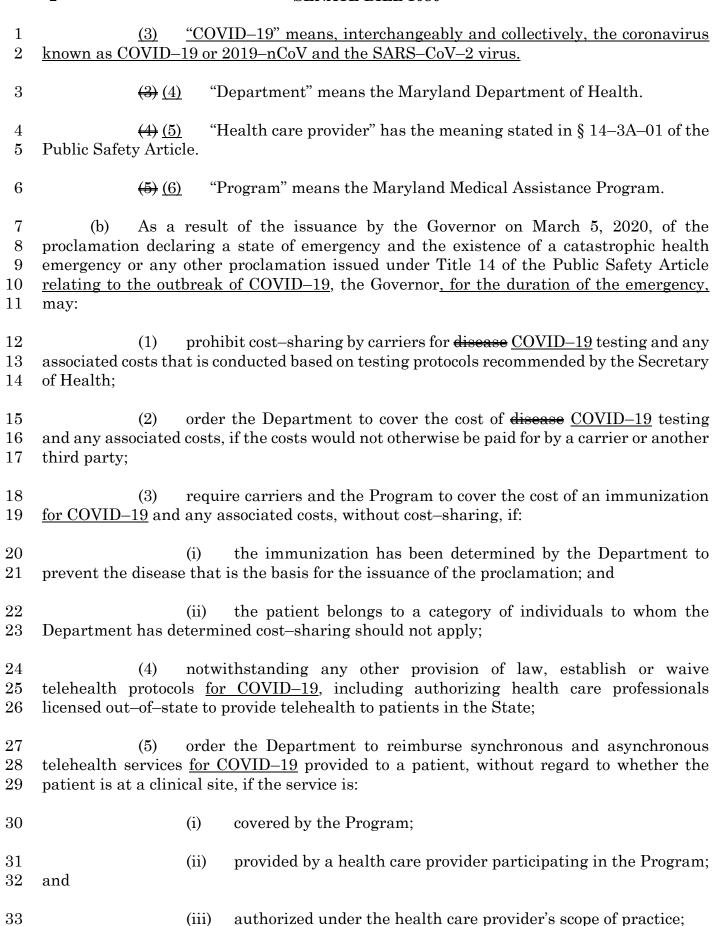
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

a nonprofit health service plan; or

a health maintenance organization.



1 2 3	(6) consult, as appropriate, with the Department, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to develop and implement orders <u>relating to COVID-19</u> to:				
4 5	Program;	(i)	minir	nize disruption in enrollment in health insurance and the	
6 7	provided to patien	(ii) its in th	facilitate reimbursement by carriers of telehealth services he State; and		
8 9	risk to public heal	(iii) th;	facilitate reimbursement of essential services to minimize the		
10 11 12	(7) (i) for the duration of the emergency, prohibit a retailer from increasing the sale or rental price of any good or service to a price that increases the retailer's value of profit by more than 10%, including for the price of:				
13			1.	food;	
14			2.	fuel;	
15			3.	water and ice;	
16			4.	medicine;	
17			5.	medical supplies and equipment;	
18			6.	cleaning products;	
19			7.	building supplies and equipment;	
20			8.	energy sources; and	
21			9.	storage space; and	
22 23	applies; and	(ii)	publi	sh a list of goods and services to which item (i) of this item	
24 25 26	(8) prohibit an employer from terminating an employee solely on the basis that the employee has been required to be isolated or quarantined under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article.				
27 28 29 30	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea 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				

SENATE BILL 1080 4 1 enacted. It shall remain effective through April 30, 2021, and, at the end of April 30, 2021, 2 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. Approved: Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.