HOUSE BILL 1663

J1, E4 EMERGENCY BILL 0lr3785 CF SB 1080

By: The Speaker Rules suspended Introduced and read first time: March 6, 2020 Rules suspended Assigned to: Health and Government Operations Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: March 10, 2020 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning State Government - State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency -**Authority of Governor** (COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Protection Act of 2020) FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to take certain actions as a result of the issuance of a certain proclamation for the duration of a certain emergency; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of the Governor in a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency. SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- 12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 13 (2) "Carrier" means:

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- (i) an insurer;
- 15 (ii) a nonprofit health service plan; or
- 16 (iii) a health maintenance organization.

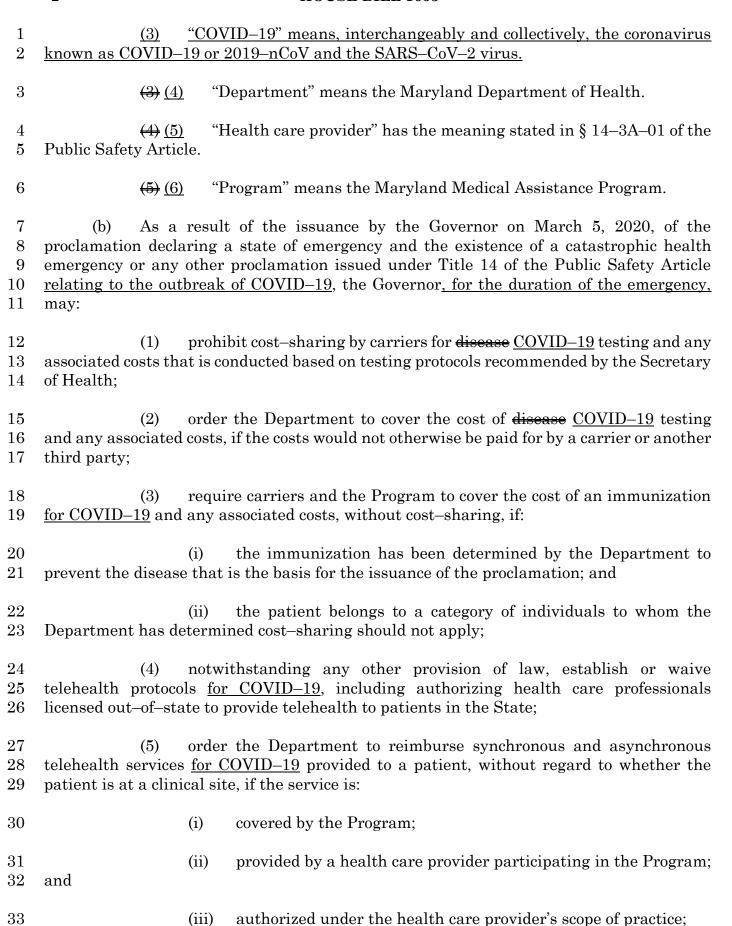
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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

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





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) m	ninimize disruption in enrollment in health insurance and the
6 7	(i provided to patients	,	acilitate reimbursement by carriers of telehealth services State; and
8 9	(i risk to public health;	,	acilitate 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	(i applies; and	i) pı	ublish 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	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

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HOUSE BILL 1663 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:

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.

Governor.