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BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 377

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate S. Johnson**” and substitute “**Delegates S. Johnson, Alston, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Kaufman, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**”; in line 2, after “**Assistants**” insert “**and Midwives**”; in line 7, after “Program;” insert “**altering the health care practitioners that may order that a pregnant incarcerated individual be admitted to the infirmary; altering the health care practitioners that health maintenance organizations must allow each member to select from among those available to the health maintenance organization;**”; in line 9, after “Immunization;” insert “**requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to review certain data and evaluate whether there is a longer average length of stay for individuals who are the subject of an application for involuntary admission who are brought during an overnight shift to certain emergency departments;**”; in line 10, after “assistants” insert “**, certified nurse–midwives, and licensed certified midwives**”; in line 23, strike “10–610(c),”; and strike beginning with “10–615(6),” in line 23 down through “10–619,” in line 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “primary” in line 32 down through “obstetrician” in line 33 and substitute “**NURSE PRACTITIONER, CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE, LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, OR PHYSICIAN**”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 4 through line 5 on page 5, inclusive.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 6 through line 25 on page 7, inclusive.

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On page 11, in line 14, after “ASSISTANT,” insert “A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE, A LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE,”.

On page 13, after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

(1) review data on the average length of stay in emergency departments for individuals who are the subject of an application for involuntary admission under Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part III of the Health – General Article; and

(2) evaluate whether there is a longer average length of stay for individuals who are brought during an overnight shift to emergency departments that lack a sufficient number of clinicians with authority to certify an application for involuntary admission under § 10–615 of the Health – General Article, but are staffed with physician assistants.

(b) On or before November 1, 2026, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 14, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.