

HB0671/593323/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 671

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Nursing Facilities – Medicaid Quality Assessment – Funding of**”; in line 3, after “**Ombudsman**” insert “– **Mandatory Appropriation**”; strike beginning with “percentage” in line 5 down through “of” in line 6 and substitute “**appropriation for**”; in line 7, after “Ombudsman” insert “**from certain money remitted by managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, general funds**”; strike beginning with “quality” in line 7 down through “facilities” in line 8 and substitute “**Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman**”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “without” and substitute “**with**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 11 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 4, after line 29, insert:

“(E) (1) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AT LEAST \$2,000,000 FOR THE OFFICE FROM THE MONEY REMITTED BY MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER COMAR 10.67.04.19-4(I) IN THE SECOND IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(II) IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REMITTED BY MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SECOND IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TOTALS LESS THAN \$2,000,000, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN

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THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT REMITTED AND \$2,000,000.

(2) FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE OFFICE.”