

~~THE RATE CHARGED BY THE CARRIER FOR THE SAME TYPE OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE SAME COUNTY OR SAME ZIP CODE WHO ARE AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO AGE IF A CARRIER OFFERS A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY IN THE STATE, THE CARRIER MAY NOT CHARGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO A DISABILITY A HIGHER RATE FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY THAN THE RATE CHARGED BY THE CARRIER FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN A POLICY SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE SAME COUNTY OR ZIP CODE WHO ARE AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO AGE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005~~ the Maryland Insurance Administration shall study the impact of ~~§ 15-909(b)(6)~~ § 15-909(b)(3)(iii) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on the availability and affordability of all Medicare supplement policies in the State and shall report its findings, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2008.

*SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a carrier may not deny or condition the issuance or effectiveness of a Medicare supplement policy plan A because of health status, claims experience, or medical condition of an individual who is under the age of 65 years but is eligible for Medicare due to a disability and is currently enrolled with that same carrier in a Medicare supplement policy plan C offered in the State, provided that the individual applies for a Medicare supplement policy plan A with that same carrier no later than 63 days after the policy plan C renewal date.*

*SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all Medicare supplement policies or certificates issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2006.*

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

Approved May 10, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 290

(Senate Bill 241)

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education - Private Donation Incentive Program - Extension of Deadline**

FOR the purpose of altering the date before which certain amounts must be paid by certain donors to Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan