

## CHAPTER 639

(House Bill 1057)

AN ACT concerning

### Health Insurance - ~~Equity in Family Coverage~~ Expansion Act

FOR the purpose of requiring certain ~~health~~ insurance policies or contracts to provide that the same health insurance benefits and eligibility guidelines that apply to covered dependents are available ~~on request to certain adult members and certain child members of the household~~, at the request of certain persons, to certain domestic partners and child dependents of domestic partners of the insured, subscriber, employee, or member; authorizing insurers ~~and~~, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to require certain proof; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement certain provisions of this Act; altering a certain requirement that a certain health insurance carrier notify certain parents of certain information; requiring the ~~Maryland Insurance~~ Commissioner to establish and publish a certain notice; requiring certain health insurance policies and contracts to provide for certain coverage for certain dependents under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with certain other State agencies, to study the rate at which certain young adults are uninsured and recommend ways to increase their health care coverage; requiring the Commission to report on its study and recommendations to certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing that the provisions of this Act apply to health maintenance organizations; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for household members under health insurance.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(iii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-403.2 and 15-418

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,