

# HOUSE BILL 658

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By: **Delegate Woods**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Group Health Insurance – Issuance to Trustees of a Fund – Multiple Employers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law authorizing the issuance of a policy  
4 of group health insurance to allow the issuance of a policy to the trustees of a fund  
5 adopted by two or more employers and to the trustees of a fund established by two  
6 or more employers regardless of whether the employers are in the same or related  
7 industry; and generally relating to the issuance of group health insurance.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Insurance

10 Section 15–302(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Insurance

15 Section 15–302(d)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Insurance**

21 15–302.

22 (a) Group health insurance is health insurance issued to persons specified in this  
23 section to cover the groups of individuals described in this section, with or without their  
24 dependents or family members, or to cover their dependents or family members.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (d)   (1)   In this subsection, “employee” may include:
- 2                           (i)    an officer or manager of the employer;
- 3                           (ii)   a sole proprietor if the employer is a sole proprietorship;
- 4                           (iii)  a partner if the employer is a partnership;
- 5                           (iv)   a retired employee; and
- 6                           (v)   a trustee of the fund, employee of the trustee, or both if the duties
- 7 of the trustee or employee are connected principally with the trusteeship.

8                   (2)   A policy of group health insurance may be issued to the trustees of a

9 fund established **OR ADOPTED** by two or more employers [in the same or related industry],

10 by one or more labor unions, by one or more employers and one or more labor unions, or by

11 an association described in subsection (b) of this section, to cover employees of the

12 employers, members of the unions, members of the association, or employees of members

13 of the association, for the benefit of persons other than the employers, unions, or

14 association.

15                   (3)   The trustees to which the policy is issued are deemed the policyholder.

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all

17 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or

18 after January 1, 2024.

19           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

20 January 1, 2024.