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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1251
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Health Care Facilities**” and substitute “**Hospitals**”; in line 5, strike “health care facilities” and substitute “hospitals”; in line 6, strike “health care facility” and substitute “hospital”; in the same line, strike “a certain policy” and substitute “certain policies”; in line 7, after “services;” insert “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain policies to the public on request;”; and in lines 13 and 14, strike “Health Care Facility” and substitute “Hospital”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike “**HEALTH CARE FACILITY**” and substitute “**HOSPITAL**”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) “DOULA” MEANS A NONMEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO PROVIDES CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND INFORMATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE BIRTHING PARENT THROUGHOUT THE PRENATAL, LABOR, AND POSTPARTUM PERIODS.

“(C) “HOSPITAL” MEANS A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE, THAT PROVIDES OBSTETRIC CARE.

“(D) “SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL INTERVENTION” MEANS A CESAREAN SECTION, INDUCTION OF LABOR, AUGMENTATION OF LABOR, OPERATIVE VAGINAL DELIVERY, OR EPISIOTOMY.”;

in lines 11 and 12, in each instance, strike “**HEALTH CARE FACILITY**” and substitute “**HOSPITAL**”; in line 12, strike “**A POLICY THAT**”; and after line 12, insert:

“(1) A DOULA POLICY THAT ALLOWS EVERY BIRTHING PARENT TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE DOULA PRESENT DURING BIRTH IN ADDITION TO AUTHORIZED GUESTS;

(2) AN INFORMED CONSENT POLICY FOR SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL INTERVENTION FOR THE BIRTHING PARENT; AND

(3) A TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE POLICY THAT INCLUDES THE HOSPITAL’S PROCESS FOR RECEIVING:

(I) A PATIENT FROM A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER REGULATED UNDER TITLE 8 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE WHO HAD PROVIDED SERVICES TO A BIRTHING PARENT IN A HOME BIRTH SETTING;

(II) A BIRTHING PARENT’S OR NEWBORN’S MEDICAL INFORMATION FROM THE HOME BIRTH PROVIDER; AND

(III) A TRANSFER FROM A LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 8-6C-08 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 2 through line 7 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in lines 8 and 15, strike “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively, and substitute “(B)” and “(C)”, respectively; in lines 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, and 18, in each instance, strike “HEALTH CARE FACILITY” and substitute “HOSPITAL”; and after line 19, insert:

“(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE POLICIES PROVIDED BY A HOSPITAL UNDER THIS SECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST AND IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.”

“(E) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A HOSPITAL FROM SETTING A POLICY THAT RESTRICTS THE NUMBER OF DOULAS OR AUTHORIZED GUESTS.”