

SENATE BILL 724

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Exchange Option for Small Business**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain SHOP Exchange to allow certain employers to
4 purchase health insurance through the SHOP Exchange; authorizing employers
5 to purchase health insurance outside the SHOP Exchange; defining certain
6 terms; and generally relating to the SHOP Exchange and health insurance.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 15–2001 and 15–2002 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. SHOP
10 Exchange Requirements”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Insurance**

16 **SUBTITLE 20. SHOP EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS.**

17 **15–2001.**

18 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (B) “AFFORDABLE CARE ACT” MEANS THE FEDERAL PATIENT
21 PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE FEDERAL
22 HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010, AND ANY
23 REGULATIONS ADOPTED OR GUIDANCE ISSUED UNDER THE ACTS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) “SHOP EXCHANGE” MEANS A SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS**
2 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE**
3 **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**

4 **15-2002.**

5 **(A) A SHOP EXCHANGE SHALL ALLOW EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE 100 OR**
6 **FEWER EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE SHOP**
7 **EXCHANGE.**

8 **(B) AN EMPLOYER IN THE STATE MAY PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE**
9 **OUTSIDE OF A SHOP EXCHANGE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2011.