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BY: Senator Serafini

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 946
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 23, after “changes;” insert “providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the elimination of certain State prescription drug benefits, the establishment of certain programs, and the provision of a certain notice shall begin on a certain date under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, before line 27, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the final resolution of the injunction issued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in Fitch v. State of Maryland et al, Case No. 1:18 CV-0287-PM (D. Md.) occurs on a date that is:

(1) less than 9 months before the first day of the next State health benefits open enrollment period, the following shall begin on the first day of the second State health benefits plan year immediately following the resolution:

(i) the elimination of the State prescription drug benefits for Medicare-eligible retirees, Medicare-eligible spouses or surviving spouses of retirees, and Medicare-eligible dependent children or surviving dependent children of retirees under § 2-509.1(b) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article;

(ii) the establishment of the Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program, the Maryland State Retiree Catastrophic Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and the State Retiree Life-Sustaining Prescription Drug

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Assistance Program in § 2–509.1(d), (e), and (f) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, respectively, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(iii) the provision of written certified notice to individuals under § 2–509.1(g) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; or

(2) 9 months or more before the first day of the next State health benefits open enrollment period, the following shall begin on the first day of the State health benefits plan year immediately following the resolution following the next open enrollment period:

(i) the elimination of the State prescription drug benefits for Medicare–eligible retirees, Medicare–eligible spouses or surviving spouses of retirees, and Medicare–eligible dependent children or surviving dependent children of retirees under § 2–509.1(b) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article;

(ii) the establishment of the Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program, the Maryland State Retiree Catastrophic Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and the State Retiree Life–Sustaining Prescription Drug Assistance Program in § 2–509.1(d), (e), and (f) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, respectively, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(iii) the provision of written certified notice to individuals under § 2–509.1(g) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.”;

and in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.