



February 3, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: SB 0183 – Health Insurance - Health Benefit Plans - Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy – Oppose as Written**

Dear Senator Kelley:

Senate Bill 0183 altering, to remove a requirement that a health care practitioner confirms a pregnancy and to add a requirement that the eligible employee or the employee's spouse or dependent attests to the pregnancy, the circumstances under which certain individuals who become pregnant are eligible for a certain special enrollment period. While also altering the date on which the special enrollment period for certain individuals who become pregnant begins; etc.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, opposes this bill as it may enhance the opportunity of fraudulent applications for a special enrollment into health coverage without a licensed professional certification of the condition. However, our stance may be changed if the bill was amended that the pregnancy is attested by a certified medical professional.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready  
Delegate Haven Shoemaker