

HOUSE BILL 88

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Taveras**

Requested: October 15, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Bulk Purchasing Pools for Prescription Drugs**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
4 maintenance organizations to join bulk purchasing pools for prescription drugs; and
5 generally relating to health insurance and bulk purchasing pools for prescription
6 drugs.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 15–128

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 **15–128.**

16 **(A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

17 **(I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
18 **PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES UNDER INDIVIDUAL,**
19 **GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE**
20 **ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
2 **COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DEVICES UNDER INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP**
3 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

4 **(2) AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH**
5 **MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION**
6 **DRUGS AND DEVICES THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER IS SUBJECT TO**
7 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

8 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY JOIN A BULK PURCHASING**
9 **POOL FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2026.