

**ESB 5241** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-3433.2/24) **1162**

By Representative Walsh

1       On page 10, line 31 of the striking amendment, after "(a)" strike  
2 all material through "costs" on line 32 and insert "Will increase  
3 health care costs for patients greater than the annual medical care  
4 index rate"  
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EFFECT: Requires the Attorney General, in determining whether a material change transaction fulfills requirements, to consider whether the transaction will increase health care costs for patients greater than the annual medical care index rate. Removes consideration of whether the transaction will reduce or maintain the growth in patient and health plan sponsor costs.

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