

HOUSE BILL 461

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prostate Cancer Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prostate Cancer Pilot Program; requiring the
4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify certain jurisdictions in
5 the State in which to operate the Program; providing for the purpose of the
6 Program; providing for eligibility for the Program; requiring the Program to
7 provide certain services to a certain number of individuals; requiring the
8 Program to provide certain services and activities; providing for the funding of
9 the Program; requiring the Department to distribute certain grants; requiring
10 the Department to make a certain report to certain committees of the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Prostate Cancer Pilot
13 Program.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General

16 Section 13–2501 through 13–2507 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25.

17 Prostate Cancer Pilot Program”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article - Health - General**

2 **SUBTITLE 25. PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 **13-2501.**

4 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.

6 (B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (C) "UNINSURED MEN" MEANS MALE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR
8 WHOM SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM ARE
9 NOT COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, THE MARYLAND MEDICAL
10 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN,
11 MEDICARE, OR ANY OTHER STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM.

12 **13-2502.**

13 **THERE IS A PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

14 **13-2503.**

15 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE
16 STATE IN WHICH TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM.

17 (B) THE JURISDICTIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE DEMONSTRATED A HIGH
19 INCIDENCE OF PROSTATE CANCER DEATHS AS COMPARED TO OTHER
20 JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATE.

21 **13-2504.**

22 **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND PROSTATE CANCER**
23 **SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICES TO UNINSURED MEN AND PROVIDE**
24 **PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATION.**

25 **13-2505.**

1 **THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:**

2 (1) **PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING TO AT LEAST 500 UNINSURED**
3 **MEN WHO ARE AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD;**

4 (2) **REFERRAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR**
5 **DIAGNOSIS, FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SCREENED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS**
6 **SECTION AND DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF REFERRAL SERVICES;**

7 (3) **TREATMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**
8 **DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AFTER BEING SCREENED UNDER ITEM (1)**
9 **OF THIS SECTION; AND**

10 (4) **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE**
11 **AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR**
12 **ALL MEN.**

13 **13-2506.**

14 (A) **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
15 **BUDGET.**

16 (B) **FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM MAY NOT SUPPLANT EXISTING**
17 **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FUNDS FOR PROSTATE CANCER OUTREACH, EDUCATION,**
18 **SCREENING, AND TREATMENT.**

19 (C) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO THE LOCAL**
20 **HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, OR**
21 **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO**
22 **ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

23 **13-2507.**

24 **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT,**
25 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE**
26 **SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT**
27 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON:**

1 **(1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SCREENED AND TREATED BY**
2 **THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DATA ON THE INDIVIDUALS**
3 **WHO WERE SCREENED AND TREATED; AND**

4 **(2) ANY COST SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE PROGRAM AS A RESULT**
5 **OF EARLY DETECTION OF PROSTATE CANCER.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
8 September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
9 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.