

# HOUSE BILL 836

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Lyme Disease – Public Awareness Campaign**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
4 collaboration with other State agencies, to establish and promote a certain  
5 public awareness campaign related to the prevention of Lyme disease and other  
6 tick-borne illnesses; providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing  
7 the Secretary to use certain resources to carry out the provisions of this Act;  
8 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a public  
9 awareness campaign for Lyme disease.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 18-405

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 **18-405.**

5 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE  
6 AGENCIES, SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC  
7 INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON LYME DISEASE AND  
8 ASSOCIATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES.

9 (2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

10 (I) REACH OUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SPECIFIC  
11 POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK FOR CONTRACTING LYME  
12 DISEASE AND ASSOCIATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES;

13 (II) DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT LYME  
14 DISEASE THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, ~~TELEVISION, RADIO,~~ POSTERS, OR  
15 ANY OTHER MEDIUM THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND  
16 EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;

17 (III) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF  
18 CHARGE TO HEALTH CLINICS, SCHOOLS, THE FOREST AND PARK SERVICE, AND  
19 TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT MAY SERVE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE A  
20 HIGH RISK OF CONTACT WITH DEER AND OTHER TYPES OF TICKS;

21 (IV) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS  
22 TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT LYME DISEASE INCLUDING THE LATEST  
23 CONSENSUS GUIDELINES FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE;  
24 AND

25 (V) INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE SECRETARY  
26 CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

27 (B) TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY:

28 (1) ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE AID OR INFORMATION FROM  
29 ANY AGENCY OF THIS STATE OR FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

1                   (2)    MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY  
2   GROUPS; AND

3                   (3)    MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.