

# HOUSE BILL 1169

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Programs – Diabetes – The Maryland P3 Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland P3 Program in the Center for Drugs  
4 and Public Policy in the Maryland School of Pharmacy in the University of  
5 Maryland, Baltimore; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the  
6 Governor to include a certain appropriation of a certain amount in the State  
7 budget in certain years for a grant to the Center for Drugs and Public Policy for  
8 the operation of the Program; and generally relating to the Maryland P3  
9 Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 13–2501 through 13–2504 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25. The  
13 Maryland P3 Program”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a group of diseases marked by high insulin levels of  
18 blood glucose resulting from defects in insulin production, insulin action, or both; and

19 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic condition with no cure that can lead to serious  
20 complications and premature death; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the fifth–deadliest disease in the United States and the  
2 death rate from diabetes has actually increased 45% since 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, The total annual economic cost of diabetes in the United States in  
4 2002 was estimated to be \$132,000,000,000 including direct medical expenditures, lost  
5 workdays, restricted activity days, mortality, and permanent disability; and

6 WHEREAS, One out of every 10 health care dollars spent in the United States  
7 is spent on diabetes and its complications; and

8 WHEREAS, With proper medical care and attention, diabetes can successfully  
9 be managed; and

10 WHEREAS, The Maryland P3 Program currently operating in Allegany County  
11 is one of 10 nationally recognized demonstration projects that have successfully  
12 partnered pharmacists and individuals to help individuals with diabetes better  
13 self–manage their diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, The Maryland P3 Program saves money by lowering overall health  
15 care costs by decreasing direct health care expenditures for employers and employees  
16 and providing healthier workers with less absenteeism and a better quality of life  
17 through disease education and management; and

18 WHEREAS, Expanding the Maryland P3 Program throughout the State and  
19 including other chronic health conditions is an effective means of expanding access to  
20 health care for Marylanders by reducing overall health care costs; now, therefore,

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

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 **SUBTITLE 25. THE MARYLAND P3 PROGRAM.**

25 **13–2501.**

26 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND P3 (PATIENTS,**  
27 **PHARMACISTS, PARTNERSHIPS) PROGRAM.**

28 **13–2502.**

1           **THERE IS A STATEWIDE MARYLAND P3 PROGRAM IN THE CENTER FOR**  
2 **DRUGS AND PUBLIC POLICY IN THE MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY IN THE**  
3 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.**

4   **13-2503.**

5           **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO UTILIZE PHARMACISTS AS**  
6 **PRIMARY PROVIDERS TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS WITH**  
7 **THE PROPER USE OF MEDICATIONS, DIAGNOSTIC TESTING, COUNSELING, AND**  
8 **OVERALL DISEASE STATE MANAGEMENT TO HELP INDIVIDUALS SELF-MANAGE**  
9 **THEIR CHRONIC CONDITIONS.**

10   **13-2504.**

11           **IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THE GOVERNOR**  
12 **SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST \$125,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN**  
13 **APPROPRIATIONS FOR A GRANT TO THE CENTER FOR DRUGS AND PUBLIC**  
14 **POLICY IN THE MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF**  
15 **MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARYLAND P3**  
16 **PROGRAM.**

17           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
18 **October 1, 2007.**