

SENATE BILL 283

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Middleton and Dyson, Dyson, and Colburn**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Southern Maryland~~ **Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Southern Maryland~~ **Charles County Prostate**
4 **Cancer Pilot Program**; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing for
5 eligibility for the Program; requiring the Program to provide certain services
6 and activities; requiring the Program to be funded as provided in the State
7 budget; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to distribute
8 grants to certain local health departments to administer the Program; requiring
9 the Department to make a certain report to certain committees of the General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; **authorizing a certain local health officer to**
11 **establish an advisory committee to oversee a certain grant process and**

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 community education and outreach effort; defining certain terms; providing for
 2 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the ~~Southern Maryland~~
 3 Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program.

4 BY adding to

5 Article – Health – General

6 Section 13–2501 through 13–2507 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25.
 7 ~~Southern Maryland~~ Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program”

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common cancer and the second leading
 12 cause of cancer death among men; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 200,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each
 14 year in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, African–American men face a far greater risk from prostate cancer
 16 than Caucasian men; and

17 WHEREAS, Caucasian men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 147 per
 18 100,000 while African–American men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 222 per
 19 100,000; and

20 WHEREAS, ~~Southern Maryland Charles County~~ has had the highest incidence
 21 of prostate cancer diagnoses ~~and deaths~~ in Maryland from 1997–2001 and has
 22 consistently held the highest prostate cancer incidence rate in Maryland for the last
 23 decade; and

24 WHEREAS, Men living in rural areas are diagnosed with higher–stage prostate
 25 cancer than men living in urban areas; and

26 WHEREAS, Men whose prostate cancer is detected in the earlier stages have a
 27 5–year survival rate of 94%, while men whose prostate cancer is diagnosed in
 28 advanced stages have a 5–year survival rate of 30%; and

29 WHEREAS, The Prostate Cancer National Blueprint for Action calls for
 30 screening and treatment, health promotion and education, education and support for
 31 parents, and public policy action; and

1 WHEREAS, Due to the increased public awareness of prostate cancer, programs
2 should be established for prostate cancer education, early detection, and treatment
3 services for underserved populations; now, therefore,

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

6 **Article - Health - General**

7 **SUBTITLE 25. ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER**
8 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

9 **13-2501.**

10 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
11 INDICATED.

12 (B) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY
13 **PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

14 (C) “UNINSURED MEN” MEANS MEN FOR WHOM SERVICES PROVIDED BY
15 THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT
16 PROGRAM ARE NOT COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, THE
17 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR MEDICARE.

18 **13-2502.**

19 **THERE IS A ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE**
20 **CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

21 **13-2503.**

22 **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND PROSTATE CANCER**
23 **SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE PROSTATE CANCER**
24 **EDUCATION TO MEN RESIDING IN ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY.**

25 **13-2504.**

26 **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO:**

1 (1) UNINSURED MEN OR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN WHO
2 ARE AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD AND WHO DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

3 (2) ON THE ADVICE OF A PHYSICIAN OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE
4 INDIVIDUAL, UNINSURED MEN OR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN WHO ARE
5 AT LEAST 40 35 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 50 YEARS WHO ARE AT
6 HIGH RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER.

7 **13-2505.**

8 **THE ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:**

9 (1) **PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING;**

10 (2) **REFERRAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR**
11 **DIAGNOSIS;**

12 (3) **TREATMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**
13 **DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AFTER BEING SCREENED; AND**

14 (4) **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE**
15 **AWARENESS AND UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM SERVICES BY UNINSURED MEN AND**
16 **ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN.**

17 **13-2506.**

18 (A) **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
19 **BUDGET.**

20 (B) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO ADMINISTER**
21 **THE PROGRAM TO:**

22 (1) **THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN SOUTHERN**
23 **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT IN CHARLES COUNTY; OR**

24 (2) **A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN CHARLES**
25 **COUNTY. TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

26 **13-2507.**

1 **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT,**
2 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE**
3 **SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT**
4 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON:**

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

8 **(2) ~~ANY~~ TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ANY COST SAVINGS ACHIEVED**
9 **BY THE PROGRAM AS A RESULT OF EARLY DETECTION OF PROSTATE CANCER.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the local health officer in
11 Charles County may establish an advisory committee to oversee the grant process and
12 community education and outreach effort under the Charles County Prostate Pilot
13 Program established under Section 1 of this Act.

14 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
15 effect October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end
16 of September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
17 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.