

# SENATE BILL 283

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By: **Senators Middleton and Dyson**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Southern Maryland Prostate Cancer Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Southern Maryland Prostate Cancer Pilot  
4 Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing for eligibility for  
5 the Program; requiring the Program to provide certain services and activities;  
6 requiring the Program to be funded as provided in the State budget; requiring  
7 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to distribute grants to certain  
8 local health departments to administer the Program; requiring the Department  
9 to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or  
10 before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of  
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Southern Maryland Prostate Cancer Pilot  
12 Program.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 13–2501 through 13–2507 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25.  
16 Southern Maryland Prostate Cancer Pilot Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

19 Preamble

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5 WHEREAS, Caucasian men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 147 per  
6 100,000 while African–American men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 222 per  
7 100,000; and

8 WHEREAS, Southern Maryland has the highest incidence of prostate cancer  
9 diagnoses and deaths in Maryland; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Men whose prostate cancer is detected in the earlier stages have a  
13 5–year survival rate of 94%, while men whose prostate cancer is diagnosed in  
14 advanced stages have a 5–year survival rate of 30%; and

15 WHEREAS, The Prostate Cancer National Blueprint for Action calls for  
16 screening and treatment, health promotion and education, education and support for  
17 parents, and public policy action; and

18 WHEREAS, Due to the increased public awareness of prostate cancer, programs  
19 should be established for prostate cancer education, early detection, and treatment  
20 services for underserved populations; 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. SOUTHERN MARYLAND PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

25 **13–2501.**

26 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
27 INDICATED.

28 (B) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND PROSTATE  
29 CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

1           (C)   “UNINSURED MEN” MEANS MEN FOR WHOM SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
2 THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM ARE NOT  
3 COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, THE MARYLAND MEDICAL  
4 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR MEDICARE.

5   **13-2502.**

6           **THERE IS A SOUTHERN MARYLAND PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

7   **13-2503.**

8           **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND PROSTATE CANCER**  
9 **SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE PROSTATE CANCER**  
10 **EDUCATION TO MEN RESIDING IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND.**

11   **13-2504.**

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

13                   (1)   **UNINSURED MEN WHO ARE AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD AND WHO**  
14 **DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND**

15                   (2)   **ON THE ADVICE OF A PHYSICIAN OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE**  
16 **INDIVIDUAL, UNINSURED MEN WHO ARE AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER**  
17 **THE AGE OF 50 YEARS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER.**

18   **13-2505.**

19           **THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:**

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

21                   (2)   **REFERRAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR**  
22 **DIAGNOSIS;**

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

1           **(4) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE**  
2 **AWARENESS AND UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM SERVICES BY UNINSURED MEN.**

3 **13-2506.**

4           **(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**  
5 **BUDGET.**

6           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO LOCAL HEALTH**  
7 **DEPARTMENTS IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

8 **13-2507.**

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

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

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

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