

# SENATE BILL 283

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By: **Senators Middleton and Dyson, Dyson, and Colburn**

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

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Health – General

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

18 ~~Southern Maryland~~ Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (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 Preamble

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

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

6 WHEREAS, African-American men face a far greater risk from prostate cancer  
7 than Caucasian men; and

8 WHEREAS, Caucasian men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 147 per  
9 100,000 while African-American men will contract prostate cancer at a rate of 222 per  
10 100,000; and

11 WHEREAS, ~~Southern Maryland~~ Charles County has the highest incidence of  
12 prostate cancer diagnoses ~~and deaths~~ in Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, Men living in rural areas are diagnosed with higher-stage prostate  
14 cancer than men living in urban areas; and

15 WHEREAS, Men whose prostate cancer is detected in the earlier stages have a  
16 5-year survival rate of 94%, while men whose prostate cancer is diagnosed in  
17 advanced stages have a 5-year survival rate of 30%; and

18 WHEREAS, The Prostate Cancer National Blueprint for Action calls for  
19 screening and treatment, health promotion and education, education and support for  
20 parents, and public policy action; and

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

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

26 **Article - Health - General**

27 **SUBTITLE 25. ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER**  
28 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

1 **13-2501.**

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY  
5 PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

6 (C) "UNINSURED MEN" MEANS MEN FOR WHOM SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
7 THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT  
8 PROGRAM ARE NOT COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, THE  
9 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR MEDICARE.

10 **13-2502.**

11 THERE IS A ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE  
12 CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

13 **13-2503.**

14 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND PROSTATE CANCER  
15 SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE PROSTATE CANCER  
16 EDUCATION TO MEN RESIDING IN ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY.

17 **13-2504.**

18 THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO:

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

21 (2) ON THE ADVICE OF A PHYSICIAN OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
22 INDIVIDUAL, UNINSURED MEN OR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN WHO ARE  
23 AT LEAST ~~40~~ 35 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 50 YEARS WHO ARE AT  
24 HIGH RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER.

25 **13-2505.**

26 THE ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:

- 1           (1)    **PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING;**
- 2           (2)    **REFERRAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR**  
3 **DIAGNOSIS;**
- 4           (3)    **TREATMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**  
5 **DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AFTER BEING SCREENED; AND**
- 6           (4)    **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE**  
7 **AWARENESS AND UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM SERVICES BY UNINSURED MEN AND**  
8 **ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN.**

9   **13-2506.**

10           (A)   **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**  
11 **BUDGET.**

12           (B)   **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO ADMINISTER**  
13 **THE PROGRAM TO:**

14                   (1)    **THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ~~IN SOUTHERN~~**  
15 **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT IN CHARLES COUNTY; OR**

16                   (2)    **A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN CHARLES**  
17 **COUNTY. ~~TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.~~**

18   **13-2507.**

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.