

CHAPTER 541

(Senate Bill 283)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Southern Maryland~~ Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing for eligibility for the Program; requiring the Program to provide certain services and activities; requiring the Program to be funded as provided in the State budget; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to distribute grants to certain local health departments to administer the Program; requiring the Department to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; authorizing a certain local health officer to establish an advisory committee to oversee a certain grant process and community education and outreach effort; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the ~~Southern Maryland~~ Charles County Prostate Cancer Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

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

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article - Health - General

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

13-2501.

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

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

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

13-2502.

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

13-2503.

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

13-2504.

THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO:

- (1) UNINSURED MEN OR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN WHO ARE AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD AND WHO DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND**
- (2) ON THE ADVICE OF A PHYSICIAN OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL, UNINSURED MEN OR ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED MEN WHO ARE AT LEAST 40 ~~35~~ YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 50 YEARS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER.**

13-2505.

THE ~~PILOT~~ PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:

- (1) PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING;**
- (2) REFERRAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR DIAGNOSIS;**
- (3) TREATMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AFTER BEING SCREENED; AND**

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

13-2506.

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

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

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

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

13-2507.

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

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

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

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

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end

of September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.