

SENATE BILL 872

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CF HB 984

By: ~~Senator Peters~~ Senators Peters, Astle, Della, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Middleton, and Pugh Pugh, and Colburn

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health
4 Pilot Program at the Montgomery County General Hospital in Montgomery
5 County; providing that the Pilot Program shall coordinate and provide certain
6 mental health services to certain veterans and the spouses and dependents of
7 certain veterans; providing that the Pilot Program may include certain services;
8 ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Governor to include a certain appropriation of a
9 certain amount in the State budget in a certain fiscal year under certain
10 circumstances; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from
11 providing any funds to the Pilot Program unless the Department and
12 Montgomery County General Hospital enter into a certain agreement; requiring
13 the Mental Hygiene Administration to submit a certain report to the Governor
14 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms;
15 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Veterans
16 of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health Pilot Program.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health – General

19 Section 10-1601 through ~~10-1604~~ 10-1605 to be under the new subtitle

20 “Subtitle 16. Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health Pilot
21 Program”

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 **SUBTITLE 16. VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH PILOT**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 **10-1601.**

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

9 **(B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND**
10 **IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.**

11 **(C) "UNIFORMED SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 10 U.S.C. §**
12 **101.**

13 **(D) "VETERAN" MEANS A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO:**

14 **(1) SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF**
15 **THE UNITED STATES, OTHER THAN FOR TRAINING, AND WAS DISCHARGED OR**
16 **RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE; AND**

17 **(2) (I) SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN OR CONTIGUOUS AIRSPACE,**
18 **AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2001, AND**
19 **BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES**
20 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; OR**

21 **(II) SERVED IN IRAQ OR CONTIGUOUS WATERS OR**
22 **AIRSPACE, AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER MARCH 19,**
23 **2003, AND BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED**
24 **STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

25 **10-1602.**

26 **THERE IS A VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH**
27 **PILOT PROGRAM AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN**
28 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

29 **~~10-1602.~~ 10-1603.**

1 (A) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE
2 INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:

3 (1) ~~TO AN INDIVIDUAL~~ A VETERAN WHO:

4 (i) ~~IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;~~

5 (ii) ~~SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF~~
6 ~~THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ; AND~~

7 (iii) ~~AS A RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S,~~ AS A RESULT OF
8 THE VETERAN'S SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ, REQUIRES MENTAL
9 HEALTH SERVICES; AND

10 (2) TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF ~~AN INDIVIDUAL~~ A
11 VETERAN WHO QUALIFIES UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (B) THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:

13 (1) MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATIONS;

14 (2) FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVES;

15 (3) CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES; AND

16 (4) THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

17 ~~10-1603.~~ 10-1604.

18 (A) ~~IN~~ SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND
19 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IN FISCAL YEAR 2010, THE
20 GOVERNOR SHALL MAY INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$200,000 IN
21 THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL
22 HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.

23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE ANY FUNDS TO THE PILOT
24 PROGRAM UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENERAL
25 HOSPITAL ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE HOSPITAL
26 AGREES TO MATCH ANY FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE PILOT
27 PROGRAM.

28 ~~10-1604.~~ 10-1605.

29 ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2010, THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION
30 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §

1 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT**
2 **EVALUATES THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 9 months and, at
5 the end of June 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
6 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.