

# CHAPTER 661

(House Bill 450)

AN ACT concerning

## **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Behavioral Health and Disabilities**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of deputy secretaries to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Governor; providing for the titles of the deputy secretaries to be appointed by the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to transfer responsibility for certain administrations within the Department to a certain deputy secretary; ~~requiring the Secretary to develop a certain integrated services and planning process and to identify and implement certain standards for dual diagnosis throughout the State~~ requiring the Secretary to develop a certain system of services for certain individuals, to address systems change in a certain manner, and to identify and implement certain individualized treatment and supports; requiring the Secretary to make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and behavioral health.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 2–103(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Health – General**

2–103.

(a) (1) With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary shall appoint [3] **THE FOLLOWING FOUR** deputy secretaries:

(I) **THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DISABILITIES;**

(II) **THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING;**

**(III) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS; AND****(IV) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.**

(2) The deputy secretaries serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(3) The deputy secretaries are entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

(4) The deputy secretaries have the duties provided by law or delegated by the Secretary.

## SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary shall:

(1) transfer the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, Developmental Disabilities Administration, and Mental ~~Health~~ Hygiene Administration from the authority of the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health ~~Services and Disabilities~~;

~~(2) develop an integrated system and services planning process among the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, Mental Health Administration, and Developmental Disabilities Administration that includes information on individuals with co-occurring disorders and addresses the following:~~

~~(i) system change and philosophy;~~

~~(ii) program standards and design;~~

~~(iii) utilization of system assessment and competency instruments across the Administrations;~~

~~(iv) clinical practice and treatment interventions;~~

~~(v) identification and utilization of several screening and assessment instruments;~~

~~(vi) integrated treatment plans;~~

~~(vii) clinical competencies and dual diagnosis training;~~

~~(viii) measurable system and clinical outcomes; and~~

~~(ix) utilization of the Four Quadrant Clinical Integration Model for Treatment; and~~

~~(3) identify and implement basic standards, including standards developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, for dual diagnosis capabilities throughout the State; and for individuals with co-occurring disorders, develop a coordinated system of individualized services, in the most integrated setting;~~

(3) address systems change to best serve individuals with co-occurring disorders, that includes:

(i) best practices, program standards, and design;

(ii) identification and utilization of screening and assessment tools;

(iii) integration of treatment plans and supports;

(iv) staff competencies and cross-disciplinary training; and

(v) measurable outcomes;

(4) identify and implement individualized treatment and supports, consistent with standards and best practices from each discipline; and

~~(4)~~ (5) on or before January 1, 2009, report to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.**