

HOUSE BILL 561

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Prohibition on Issuing Licenses to Fast Food Style**
3 **Restaurants in Locations with a High Index of Health Disparities**

4 **PG 415–10**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health
6 Disparities to develop a process for mapping health disparities in a certain
7 county; requiring the Office to use certain information, define certain
8 boundaries, and identify and use certain information and means to map health
9 disparities; prohibiting the issuance of certain licenses to certain restaurants in
10 certain locations of a certain county; and generally relating to prohibiting the
11 issuance of licenses to restaurants in locations with a high index of health
12 disparities.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Health – General
15 Section 20–1008 and 21–305(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 **20–1008.**

22 **(A) THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR MAPPING HEALTH**
23 **DISPARITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

24 **(B) TO MAP HEALTH DISPARITIES, THE OFFICE SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) USE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT**
2 **INCLUDING:**

3 **(I) DIABETES;**

4 **(II) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE;**

5 **(III) OBESITY; AND**

6 **(IV) OTHER DISEASES AND CONDITIONS THAT THE OFFICE**
7 **DETERMINES ARE APPROPRIATE INDICATORS OF HEALTH DISPARITIES;**

8 **(2) DEFINE APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES IN WHICH**
9 **TO MEASURE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY; AND**

10 **(3) IDENTIFY AND USE ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR MEANS**
11 **NECESSARY TO MAKE THE MAPPING ACCURATE.**

12 21–305.

13 **(G) IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, A LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO A**
14 **FAST FOOD STYLE RESTAURANT FOR A LOCATION THAT HAS A 60% OR MORE**
15 **HEALTH DISPARITY INDEX AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF**
16 **MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES UNDER § 20–1008 OF THIS**
17 **ARTICLE.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2010.