

# HOUSE BILL 450

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Behavioral Health**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of deputy secretaries to be appointed by the  
4 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Governor;  
5 providing for the titles of the deputy secretaries to be appointed by the  
6 Secretary; requiring the Secretary to transfer responsibility for certain  
7 administrations within the Department to a certain deputy secretary; requiring  
8 the Secretary to develop a certain integrated services and planning process and  
9 to identify and implement certain standards for dual-diagnosis throughout the  
10 State; requiring the Secretary to make a certain report to the Governor and  
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the  
12 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and behavioral health.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 2-103(a)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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 2-103.

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

24 (i) **THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH CARE  
2 FINANCING;

3 (III) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS; AND

4 (IV) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
5 SERVICES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (i) system change and philosophy;

21 (ii) program standards and design;

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

24 (iv) clinical practice and treatment interventions;

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

27 (vi) integrated treatment plans;

28 (vii) clinical competencies and dual diagnosis training;

29 (viii) measurable system and clinical outcomes; and

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

3                           (3) identify and implement basic standards, including standards  
4 developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, for dual–diagnosis  
5 capabilities throughout the State; and

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

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