

HOUSE BILL 984

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Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

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 the Governor to include a certain appropriation of a certain amount in
9 the State budget in a certain fiscal year; requiring the Mental Hygiene
10 Administration to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health
13 Pilot Program.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General

16 Section 10–1601 through 10–1604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16.
17 Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Mental Health Pilot Program”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 16. VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 **10-1601.**

4 **THERE IS A VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH**
5 **PILOT PROGRAM AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN**
6 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

7 **10-1602.**

8 **(A) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE**
9 **INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

10 **(1) TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

11 **(I) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;**

12 **(II) SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF**
13 **THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ; AND**

14 **(III) AS A RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE IN**
15 **AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ, REQUIRES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND**

16 **(2) TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
17 **QUALIFIES UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

18 **(B) THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:**

19 **(1) MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATIONS;**

20 **(2) FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVES;**

21 **(3) CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES; AND**

22 **(4) THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.**

23 **10-1603.**

24 **IN FISCAL YEAR 2010, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN**
25 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$200,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE**
26 **VETERANS OF AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.**

1 **10-1604.**

2 **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2010, THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION**
3 **SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
4 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT**
5 **EVALUATES THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

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