

HOUSE BILL 507

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By: **Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, Benson, Bromwell, Elliott, Kach, Kipke, Kullen, Montgomery, Morhaim, Riley, ~~and Tarrant~~ Tarrant, Hammen, Pendergrass, Costa, Donoghue, Hubbard, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Reznik, V. Turner, and Weldon**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Inmates – Hepatitis C – Counseling and Referral to Medical ~~Assistance~~**
3 **~~Program~~ Home**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
5 Services, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the
6 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop a process to refer certain
7 inmates to the Department of Human Resources or the Department of Health
8 and Mental Hygiene for enrollment in certain programs on or before a certain
9 date; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to
10 provide certain counseling to inmates with Hepatitis C; requiring the
11 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration with
12 the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental
13 Hygiene, to develop certain regulations; and generally relating to inmates with
14 Hepatitis C.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Correctional Services

17 Section 9–613

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

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 **Article – Correctional Services**

2 **9-613.**

3 (A) ~~THE~~ ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT, IN
4 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS
6 TO REFER AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HEPATITIS C TO THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
8 MENTAL HYGIENE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE PRIMARY ADULT CARE PROGRAM ON RELEASE
10 OF THE INMATE.

11 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COUNSELING TO INMATES WITH
12 HEPATITIS C ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C AND METHODS TO
13 REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS C.

14 (C) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
16 HYGIENE, SHALL DEVELOP REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUBSECTION (A) OF
17 THIS SECTION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.