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Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program in Baltimore City provide for the exchange of used hypodermic needles and syringes for sterile hypodermic needles and syringes on a “one-for-one” basis; repealing as obsolete a certain date by which the Director for the Program, with the advice and approval of a certain committee, is required to develop certain operating procedures; altering a requirement that Program operating procedures be developed to provide for the exchange of hypodermic needles and syringes to injecting users in a certain manner; and generally relating to AIDS prevention and the use of hypodermic needles and syringes in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 24–802 and 24–805(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

24–802.

(a) There is an AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) The Program shall:

(1) Provide for the ~~[one-for-one]~~ exchange by participants of used hypodermic needles and syringes for sterile hypodermic needles and syringes; and

(2) Operate in accordance with the procedures approved, with the advice and approval of the oversight committee, by the Commissioner of Health.

24-805.

(b) ~~[On or before July 1, 1994, with]~~ **WITH** the advice and approval of the oversight committee, the Director shall develop:

(1) Program operating procedures for the furnishing and ~~[one-for-one]~~ exchange of hypodermic needles and syringes to injecting drug users;

(2) A community outreach and education program; and

(3) A protocol for providing a linkage for Program participants to substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.