

SENATE BILL 569

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Methadone Treatment Facilities – Location – Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a methadone treatment facility from being established or
4 operated within a certain distance of certain schools, child care centers, or agencies
5 unless the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives a certain letter from
6 certain schools, child care centers, and agencies; requiring the Department to
7 determine whether a certain letter is satisfactory for a certain purpose; defining a
8 certain term; and generally relating to the location of methadone treatment facilities
9 in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 8–402
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **8–402.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “METHADONE TREATMENT FACILITY” MEANS A
20 FACILITY AT WHICH METHADONE IS ADMINISTERED IN THE TREATMENT,
21 MAINTENANCE, OR DETOXIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS.

22 (B) A METHADONE TREATMENT FACILITY MAY NOT BE ESTABLISHED OR
23 OPERATED WITHIN 500 FEET OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, A CHILD CARE
24 CENTER LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR ANY OTHER

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CHILD-SERVING AGENCY UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FROM EACH
2 SCHOOL, LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER, AND CHILD-SERVING AGENCY LOCATED
3 WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE FACILITY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LOCATION OF
4 THE FACILITY.

5 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A LETTER OF
6 SUPPORT SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
7 SECTION IS SATISFACTORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A METHADONE
8 TREATMENT FACILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED OR OPERATED WITHIN THE DISTANCE
9 RESTRICTION ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2016.