

HOUSE BILL 1621

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By: **Delegates Lisanti and Glass**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Commerce – Harford Memorial Hospital Closure – Economic**
3 **Impact Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Commerce to conduct a study on the
5 economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and
6 the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Department to conduct
7 the study in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop a revitalization
8 plan for the City in a certain manner; requiring the Department to report certain
9 findings and information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before
10 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
11 economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That:

14 (a) The Department of Commerce shall conduct a study on the economic impact
15 of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital and the subsequent transfer of its services to
16 another campus under the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System.

17 (b) (1) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section,
18 the Department shall quantify the economic impact of the hospital closure on the City of
19 Havre de Grace.

20 (2) The study shall consider:

21 (i) the impact on existing small businesses in downtown Havre de
22 Grace, including any displacement effect from new businesses established at the new
23 campus;

24 (ii) the effect on employment at the existing facility at Harford
25 Memorial Hospital, including the costs and benefits of relocation to the new facility;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) the effect on homeownership in the surrounding communities,
2 including any effect on property values and on Harford County's property tax assessable
3 base; and

4 (iv) any other potential consequences for the City of Havre de Grace
5 from a prolonged vacancy at the current hospital site.

6 (c) The Department shall develop a revitalization plan for the City of Havre de
7 Grace that:

8 (1) is consistent with the City's current comprehensive plan;

9 (2) incorporates the findings of the economic impact study required under
10 subsection (a) of this section; and

11 (3) includes opportunities for public-private investment from the local,
12 State, and University of Maryland Medical System partnership.

13 (d) On or before December 1, 2018, the Department shall report to the Senate
14 Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with
15 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings of the study required under
16 subsection (a) of this section and the revitalization plan required under subsection (c) of
17 this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
19 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
20 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.