

HOUSE BILL 35

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Glenn**

Requested: October 18, 2018

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2019

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Opioid Maintenance Therapy Programs – Medical Director**
3 **Requirement and Qualifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an opioid maintenance therapy program to have a medical
5 director who has certain qualifications; defining “opioid maintenance therapy
6 program”; and generally relating to opioid maintenance therapy programs.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 8–402

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **8–402.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OPIOID MAINTENANCE THERAPY PROGRAM” MEANS**
17 **A PROGRAM THAT USES PHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS, INCLUDING FULL**
18 **AND PARTIAL OPIATE AGONIST TREATMENT MEDICATIONS, TO PROVIDE**
19 **TREATMENT, SUPPORT, AND RECOVERY TO OPIOID-ADDICTED INDIVIDUALS.**

20 **(B) AN OPIOID MAINTENANCE THERAPY PROGRAM SHALL HAVE A MEDICAL**
21 **DIRECTOR WHO:**

22 **(1) IS A PHYSICIAN; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) HAS 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PROVIDING SERVICES TO**
2 **INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, INCLUDING AT**
3 **LEAST 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE IN THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION WITH**
4 **OPIOID MAINTENANCE THERAPY.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2019.