

Chapter 577

**(Senate Bill 705)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Transit Administration – Disabled Reduced Fare Program – Opioid Treatment Program Patients**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to make available to opioid treatment programs certain transit passes that are for use by certain patients and may be issued in a certain manner; requiring the transit passes to be made available at a certain price; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report beginning on or before a certain date, and on or before a certain date each year thereafter; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and transit passes for patients at opioid treatment programs.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 7–712

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

**7–712.**

**(A) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS MONTHLY TRANSIT PASSES THAT:**

**(I) ARE FOR USE BY PATIENTS OF OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION’S DISABLED REDUCED FARE PROGRAM; AND**

**(II) MAY BE ISSUED TO PATIENTS ON SITE AT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS BY OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM STAFF.**

**(2) THE TRANSIT PASSES ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A REDUCED PRICE THAT REFLECTS THE PRICE OF A MONTHLY PASS ISSUED UNDER THE DISABLED REDUCED FARE PROGRAM AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2020, LESS ANY COST SAVINGS TO THE**

**ADMINISTRATION THAT RESULT FROM HAVING PARTICIPATING OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS ISSUING TRANSIT PASSES DIRECTLY TO PATIENTS.**

**(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCESS BY WHICH PARTICIPATING OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS MAY ISSUE TRANSIT PASSES UNDER THIS SECTION.**

**(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH PARTICIPATING OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM PROVIDERS, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**