



House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

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House Bill 115

**Election Law - Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities -
Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration**

Support

NCADD-Maryland supports House Bill 115. NCADD-Maryland has long advocated for policies that help people involved with the criminal justice system avoid some of the collateral damage caused by our history of drug policies. Part of that damage has been systemic disenfranchisement.

For decades, too many people have been caught up in the criminal justice system and its aftermath when what they really needed was treatment for their substance use disorder. For those end up incarcerated, they lose their right to vote. This bill seeks to ensure that after a person has served their sentence behind bars, they not only have their rights restored, but they are automatically re-registered to vote.

These kinds of policy changes are a necessary component to significantly improving our communities. When people have served their time, they should have the opportunities and supports needed to ensure they are able maintain productive lives and livelihoods with their families. Removing some of the barriers to success will also help people with substance use disorders maintain their recovery.

We urge your support of House Bill 115.