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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 411
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “certification;” insert “requiring each successful candidate for election to elective office to be tested for use of controlled dangerous substances and abuse of alcohol before the individual may take the oath of office; providing that the individual may not take the oath, and the office shall be deemed vacant, if the test is positive for use of controlled dangerous substances or abuse of alcohol;”; and after line 7, insert:

“BY adding to

Article 70 - Official Oaths

Section 4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“Article 70 - Official Oaths

4.

(A) BEFORE A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE IN THE STATE MAY TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE TESTED FOR THE USE OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND THE ABUSE OF ALCOHOL, UNDER THE STANDARDS REQUIRED UNDER § 17-214 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) IF A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE TESTS POSITIVE FOR THE USE OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES OR THE ABUSE OF ALCOHOL, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE

DEEMED VACANT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT TERM.”.