

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1184

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute "Oral Health Programs - Reducing Oral Cancer Mortality"; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish the Oral Health Program to prevent and detect oral cancer in the State with a certain focus and intent; targeting the program to the needs of high-risk underserved populations; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with certain providers, to develop and implement certain programs to train health care providers to screen and refer patients with oral cancers and to promote certain smoking cessation programs; requiring the Secretary to establish the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program to screen, refer, and treat certain adults; providing that the pilot program may be undertaken in conjunction with certain other initiatives; requiring the Secretary to evaluate the pilot program and to submit certain reports annually to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Oral Health Advisory Committee to make certain recommendations; providing for the funding of certain programs established under the provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Oral Health Program and the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program."

and in line 12, strike "18-305" and substitute "18-801 through 18-803 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Oral Health Program"".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 24, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 23, inclusive, and substitute:

"SUBTITLE 8. ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

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18-801.

THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO PREVENT AND DETECT ORAL CANCER IN THE STATE, WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH-RISK UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, WITH THE INTENT TO REDUCE ORAL CANCER MORTALITY.

18-802.

(A) IN CONSULTATION WITH DENTAL CARE PROVIDERS, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ONGOING ORAL CANCER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE:

(1) TO TRAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO SCREEN AND PROPERLY REFER PATIENTS WITH ORAL CANCERS; AND

(2) TO PROMOTE SMOKING CESSATION WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH-RISK UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.

(B) THE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ADDRESS:

(1) THE RISK FACTORS THAT LEAD TO ORAL CANCER;

(2) THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ORAL CANCER;

(3) THE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS THAT MAY LEAD TO ORAL CANCER;

AND

(4) THE ACCESSIBILITY OF SCREENING TO DETECT ORAL CANCER.

18-803.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY ON THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (a) The Secretary shall establish the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program;
- (b) The pilot program shall provide:
 - (1) Appropriate screening, referral, and treatment for high-risk underserved adults for whom dental services are not ordinarily available; and
 - (2) An evaluation of the pilot program, including the collection of relevant data;
- (c) The pilot program may be undertaken in conjunction with other initiatives related to the prevention and detection of cancer in the State; and
- (d) On or before December 1 of each year, as part of the report required under § 18-803 of the Health - General Article, the Secretary shall submit a report on the status of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the pilot program.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any programs established under the provisions of this Act shall be funded as provided for in the State budget.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the existing Oral Health Advisory Committee appointed by the Secretary shall recommend to the Secretary the best methods to promote and implement a strategy to decrease the oral cancer mortality and to implement the provisions of this Act.”;

in line 24, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”; and strike in its entirety line 25 and substitute “July 1, 2000. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

(Over)

