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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Western Maryland Wellmobile**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include funding in the State budget to
4 purchase, operate, and maintain a certain wellmobile for Allegany, Garrett, and
5 Washington counties; specifying that the wellmobile shall be operated and
6 managed by the University of Maryland School of Nursing; specifying that the
7 wellmobile shall provide primary and preventive health care services to
8 communities in Western Maryland; requiring the University of Maryland School
9 of Nursing to perform certain duties; and generally relating to the provision of
10 primary and preventive health care services.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Health - General

13 Section 13-1001 through 13-1003, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle

14 "Subtitle 10. Western Maryland Wellmobile"

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Health - General**

20 **SUBTITLE 10. WESTERN MARYLAND WELLMOBILE.**

21 13-1001.

22 (A) BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2002, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN
23 THE STATE BUDGET, AT A MINIMUM, SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PURCHASE, OPERATE,
24 AND MAINTAIN A WELLMOBILE IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

25 (B) THE FUNDING INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET SHALL BE AT LEAST:

26 (1) \$400,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002; AND

1 (2) \$200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

2 (C) FUNDING FOR THE WESTERN MARYLAND WELLMOBILE MAY BE PROVIDED
3 THROUGH THE CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-317 OF THE
4 STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

5 13-1002.

6 (A) THE WESTERN MARYLAND WELLMOBILE SHALL BE USED TO DELIVER
7 PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO GEOGRAPHICALLY
8 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS IN ALLEGANY,
9 GARRETT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

10 (B) THE WELLMOBILE SHALL BE PURCHASED, OPERATED, STAFFED, AND
11 MAINTAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING.

12 (C) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING SHALL:

13 (1) DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
14 HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER
15 ENTITIES IN WESTERN MARYLAND THAT CAN FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF
16 PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH THE WELLMOBILE;

17 (2) SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE WESTERN MARYLAND
18 WELLMOBILE IN THE FORM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANTS AND DONATIONS; AND

19 (3) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR BILLING THIRD PARTY PAYORS FOR
20 SERVICES PROVIDED.

21 13-1003.

22 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
23 SCHOOL OF NURSING SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETAILING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
25 WESTERN MARYLAND WELLMOBILE.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2000.