
By: **Senators Lawlah, Kasemeyer, Middleton, Van Hollen, Hoffman, and Neall**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2000

Assigned to: Rules

Re-referred to: Finance, February 18, 2000

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 21, 2000

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Oral Health ~~Program~~ Programs - Reducing Oral Cancer Mortality**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
4 establish ~~a program~~ the Oral Health Program to prevent and detect oral cancer
5 in the State with a certain focus and intent; ~~providing for~~ targeting the program
6 to ~~target~~ the needs of high-risk underserved populations; requiring the ~~program~~
7 Secretary, in consultation with certain providers, to develop and implement
8 certain programs to train health care providers to screen and refer patients with
9 oral cancers; ~~providing for the promotion of~~ and to promote certain smoking
10 cessation programs; ~~providing for the education to prevent and detect oral~~
11 ~~cancer of certain citizens of the State~~; requiring the Secretary to establish a the
12 Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program to screen, refer, and treat certain adults;
13 providing that the pilot program may be undertaken in conjunction with certain
14 other initiatives; requiring the Secretary to evaluate the pilot program and to
15 submit a report certain reports annually to the Governor and the General
16 Assembly; requiring the Oral Health Advisory Committee to make certain
17 recommendations; providing for the funding of certain programs established
18 under the provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain
19 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to ~~an oral health program to~~
20 ~~prevent and detect oral cancer in the State~~ the Oral Health Program and the
21 Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program.

22 BY adding to

23 Article - Health - General

24 Section 18-801 through ~~18-804~~ 18-803 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8.

25 Oral Health Program"

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

5 **Article - Health - General**

6 SUBTITLE 8. ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

7 18-801.

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

12 18-802.

13 ~~THE SECRETARY SHALL:~~

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

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

19 ~~(+)~~ (2) TO PROMOTE SMOKING CESSATION WITH A PRIMARY
20 FOCUS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH-RISK UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; ~~AND.~~

21 ~~(+)~~ (2) ~~DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ORAL CANCER AND SMOKING CESSATION~~
22 ~~EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, WITH A PRIMARY~~
23 ~~FOCUS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH-RISK UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS,~~
24 ~~INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:~~

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

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

28 ~~(+)~~ (2) THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ORAL CANCER;

29 ~~(+)~~ (3) THE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS THAT MAY LEAD TO ORAL
30 CANCER; AND

31 ~~(+)~~ (4) THE ACCESSIBILITY OF SCREENING TO DETECT ORAL
32 CANCER.

1 18-803.

2 ~~(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A PREVENT ORAL CANCER PILOT~~
3 ~~PROGRAM WITH APPROPRIATE SCREENING, REFERRAL, AND TREATMENT FOR~~
4 ~~HIGH RISK UNDERSERVED ADULTS FOR WHOM DENTAL SERVICES ARE NOT~~
5 ~~ORDINARILY AVAILABLE.~~

6 ~~(B) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE:~~

7 ~~(1) SCREENING, REFERRAL, AND TREATMENT FOR HIGH-RISK~~
8 ~~UNDERSERVED ADULTS FOR WHOM DENTAL SERVICES ARE NOT ORDINARILY~~
9 ~~AVAILABLE; AND~~

10 ~~(2) AN EVALUATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM INCLUDING COLLECTING~~
11 ~~DATA AND MONITORING THE PILOT PROGRAM.~~

12 ~~(C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE UNDERTAKEN IN~~
13 ~~CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INITIATIVES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND~~
14 ~~DETECTION OF CANCER IN THE STATE.~~

15 ~~18-804.~~

16 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A
17 REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND,
18 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY ON THE ~~PREVENT ORAL CANCER PILOT PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS~~
20 ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

22 (a) The Secretary shall establish the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program;

23 (b) The pilot program shall provide:

24 (1) Appropriate screening, referral, and treatment for high-risk
25 underserved adults for whom dental services are not ordinarily available; and

26 (2) An evaluation of the pilot program, including the collection of
27 relevant data;

28 (c) The pilot program may be undertaken in conjunction with other initiatives
29 related to the prevention and detection of cancer in the State; and

30 (d) On or before December 1 of each year, as part of the report required under
31 § 18-803 of the Health - General Article, the Secretary shall submit a report on the
32 status of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations to the Governor
33 and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on
34 the pilot program.

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

1 SECTION ~~2~~. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the existing Oral
2 Health Advisory Committee appointed by the Secretary shall recommend to the
3 Secretary the best methods to promote and implement a strategy to decrease the oral
4 cancer mortality and to implement the provisions of this Act.

5 SECTION ~~3~~. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect July 1, 2000. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years
7 and 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2003, with no further action required
8 by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
9 force and effect.