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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Advisory Council on ~~Reducing Death and Suffering from~~ Heart**  
3 **Disease and Stroke**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the State Advisory Council on High Blood Pressure and  
5 Related Cardiovascular Factors; altering the duties of the Council; increasing  
6 the membership of the Council; ~~requiring development of a statewide public~~  
7 ~~education program and dissemination of appropriate information; requiring~~  
8 ~~evaluation of certain education, prevention, and treatment programs~~ altering  
9 the membership of the Council; requiring the development and promotion of  
10 certain educational programs for certain populations and geographic areas; and  
11 generally relating to heart disease and stroke prevention and treatment.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Health - General  
14 Section 13-201 through 13-203 and 13-205 and 13-206 to be under the  
15 amended subtitle "Subtitle 2. Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention  
16 Programs"  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2000 Replacement Volume)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article - Health - General  
21 Section 13-204  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 Subtitle 2. [Cardiovascular Disease] HEART DISEASE AND STROKE Prevention  
5 Programs.

6 13-201.

7 In this subtitle, "Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on [High  
8 Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors] ~~REDUCING DEATH AND~~  
9 ~~SUFFERING FROM~~ HEART DISEASE AND STROKE.

10 13-202.

11 There is a State Advisory Council on [High Blood Pressure and Related  
12 Cardiovascular Risk Factors] ~~REDUCING DEATH AND SUFFERING FROM~~ HEART  
13 DISEASE AND STROKE.

14 13-203.

15 (a) (1) The Advisory Council consists of [16] ~~20~~ 24 members appointed by  
16 the Governor.

17 (2) ~~(i)~~ ~~Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, of~~ OF the  
18 [16] ~~20~~ 24 Advisory Council members, ~~the Governor shall appoint:~~

19 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
20 1 member SHALL BE APPOINTED from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the  
21 Governor by each of the following organizations:

- 22 1. The American Heart Association - [Maryland Affiliate,  
23 Inc.] MID-ATLANTIC, INC.;
- 24 2. The Department;
- 25 3. The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions;
- 26 4. ~~The Maryland Conference of Health Officers~~ THE  
27 MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS;
- 28 5. The Maryland Hospital Association, Inc.;
- 29 6. The Maryland Nurses Association;
- 30 7. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of  
31 Maryland;
- 32 8. The Monumental City Medical Society;



1 (ii) 4 in 1984;

2 (iii) 3 in 1985; and

3 (iv) 5 in 1986.]

4 (3) THE TERMS OF ~~FOUR EIGHT~~ OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS  
5 REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED AS OF JULY 1, 2001.

6 [(3)] (4) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a  
7 successor is appointed and qualifies.

8 [(4)] (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only  
9 for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

10 [(5)] (6) A member who serves 2 consecutive full 4-year terms may not  
11 be reappointed for 4 years after the completion of those terms.

12 [(6)] (7) If a vacancy occurs, the Governor promptly shall appoint a  
13 successor.

14 13-204.

15 (a) The members present at a meeting are a quorum to do business.

16 (b) The Advisory Council shall meet at least twice a year, at the times and  
17 places that it determines.

18 (c) A member of the Advisory Council:

19 (1) May not receive compensation; but

20 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
21 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

22 (d) The Secretary shall designate the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle.  
23 13-205.

24 The Advisory Council:

25 (1) Shall develop and promote educational programs in the prevention,  
26 EARLY DETECTION, and treatment of ~~high blood pressure and related cardiovascular~~  
27 ~~risk factors~~ HEART DISEASE AND STROKE, TARGETED TO HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS  
28 AND TO GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE THERE IS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF HEART  
29 DISEASE AND STROKE; ~~and~~

30 ~~(2) SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE~~  
31 ~~PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ON STROKE PREVENTION, TARGETED TO HIGH RISK~~  
32 ~~POPULATIONS AND TO GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE THERE IS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF~~

1 ~~STROKE, INCLUDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED OR COMPILED BY THE COUNCIL ON~~  
 2 ~~ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:~~

3 ~~(I) HEALTH LIFESTYLE PRACTICES THAT REDUCE THE RISK OF~~  
 4 ~~STROKE;~~

5 ~~(II) SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STROKE AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN~~  
 6 ~~WHEN SIGNS OCCUR;~~

7 ~~(III) DETERMINANTS OF HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR~~  
 8 ~~STROKE;~~

9 ~~(IV) OTHER INFORMATION THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE~~  
 10 ~~FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND~~

11 ~~(3) (2) May use existing programs and groups for this purpose.~~

12 13-206.

13 (a) (1) The Advisory Council shall recommend that the Department  
 14 establish guidelines for the effective management and treatment of [high blood  
 15 pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors] HEART DISEASE AND STROKE.

16 (2) These guidelines shall cover:

17 (I) PRIMARY PREVENTION;

18 (i) (II) Detection;

19 (ii) (III) Case finding;

20 (iii) (IV) Diagnosis;

21 (iv) (V) Diagnostic work up;

22 (v) (VI) Therapy;

23 (vi) (VII) Long term management; and

24 (vii) (VIII) Any other services that the Advisory Council thinks  
 25 should be covered.

26 (b) A State or county health department that carries out [high blood pressure  
 27 and related cardiovascular risk factors] HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION,  
 28 EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT programs shall conform to the guidelines established  
 29 under subsection (a) of this section.

30 (c) ~~Each year~~ ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS, the Advisory Council shall:

1 (1) Evaluate [high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk  
2 factors] HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND TREATMENT  
3 programs; and

4 (2) Send the evaluation with a report to the Governor.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial  
6 additional members of the of the State Advisory Council on ~~Reducing Death and~~  
7 ~~Suffering From~~ Heart Disease and Stroke shall expire as follows:

8 (1) 2 members in 2002; ~~and~~

9 (2) 2 members in 2003;

10 (3) 2 members in 2004; and

11 (4) 2 members in 2005.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 July 1, 2001.