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By: **Senators Kelley, Conway, Exum, Forehand, and Mitchell**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care - Stroke Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Stroke Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment
4 Program; developing a certain education program; developing certain
5 recommendations; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
6 issue certain reports on or before certain dates; and generally relating to a
7 Stroke Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Program.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 18-901 through 18-903, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
11 9. Stroke Prevention Program"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 **SUBTITLE 9. STROKE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

18 18-901.

19 THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STROKE PREVENTION,
20 EARLY DETECTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM TO PREVENT DEATH AND
21 SUFFERING FROM STROKE IN THE STATE.

22 18-902.

23 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

24 (1) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PUBLIC
25 EDUCATION PROGRAM ON STROKE PREVENTION, TARGETED TO HIGH-RISK

1 POPULATIONS AND DEMOGRAPHIC AREAS WITH A HIGH INCIDENCE OF STROKE,
2 INCLUDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED OR COMPILED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 3 (I) SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STROKE;
- 4 (II) ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN SIGNS OF STROKE OCCUR;
- 5 (III) HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PRACTICES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF
6 STROKE; AND
- 7 (IV) OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS
8 APPROPRIATE;

9 (2) DEVELOP OR COMPILE FOR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS AND OTHER
10 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING
11 FOR STROKES:

- 12 (I) RISK FACTORS;
- 13 (II) APPROPRIATE SCREENING FOR RISK FACTORS;
- 14 (III) EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS; AND
- 15 (IV) TREATMENT STRATEGIES;

16 (3) DEVELOP OR COMPILE FOR PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE
17 PROVIDERS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE:

- 18 (I) INITIAL TREATMENT OF STROKE;
- 19 (II) LONG-TERM TREATMENT OF STROKE; AND
- 20 (III) REHABILITATION OF STROKE PATIENTS; AND

21 (4) TAKE OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROMOTION OF THE
22 STROKE PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM TO ENSURE
23 THAT THE PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE INFORMED.

24 (B) THE SECRETARY MAY USE INFORMATION DEVELOPED, COMPILED, OR
25 MADE AVAILABLE BY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES TO MEET THE
26 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION (A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

27 18-903.

28 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE A
29 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
30 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE STATUS OF THE STROKE
31 PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
32 SUBTITLE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any programs established
2 under the provisions of this Act shall be funded as provided for in the State budget.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2001.