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By: **Senator Kelley**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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; and  
9     generally relating to heart disease and stroke prevention and treatment.

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

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

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

**Article - Health - General**

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

13-201.

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

13-202.

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

13-203.

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

(2) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, of the [16] 20 Advisory Council members, the Governor shall appoint 1 member from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by each of the following organizations:

1. The American Heart Association - [Maryland Affiliate, Inc.] MID-ATLANTIC, INC.;
2. The Department;
3. The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions;
4. The Maryland Conference of Health Officers;
5. The Maryland Hospital Association, Inc.;
6. The Maryland Nurses Association;
7. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland;
8. The Monumental City Medical Society;
9. The Statewide Health Coordinating Council; [and]
10. The University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine[.];
11. THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS;

1 12. THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS  
2 MARYLAND CHAPTER;  
3 13. THE AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION;  
4 14. THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE; AND  
5 15. THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD.

6 (ii) The number of names on a list shall be 3.

7 (iii) Each nominee of the Maryland Hospital Association, Inc., shall:

8 1. [represent] REPRESENT a hospital that provides  
9 hypertensive services on an outpatient basis[.];

10 2. SHALL BE THE DIRECTOR OF REHABILITATION AT A  
11 HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES STROKE REHABILITATION SERVICES; OR

12 3. SHALL BE THE DIRECTOR OF A STROKE CENTER AT A  
13 MARYLAND HOSPITAL.

14 (3) If a vacancy occurs for a reason other than expiration of the term, the  
15 Governor may appoint any individual without the list.

16 (b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

17 (2) The terms of 16 OF THE members are staggered as required by the  
18 terms provided for members of the Advisory Council as of July 1, 1982. [The terms of  
19 those members end as follows:

20 (i) 4 in 1983;

21 (ii) 4 in 1984;

22 (iii) 3 in 1985; and

23 (iv) 5 in 1986.]

24 (3) THE TERMS OF FOUR OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS  
25 REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED AS OF JULY 1, 2001.

26 [(3)] (4) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a  
27 successor is appointed and qualifies.

28 [(4)] (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only  
29 for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

30 [(5)] (6) A member who serves 2 consecutive full 4-year terms may not  
31 be reappointed for 4 years after the completion of those terms.

1                    [(6)]        (7)        If a vacancy occurs, the Governor promptly shall appoint a  
2 successor.

3 13-204.

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

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

7        (c)        A member of the Advisory Council:

8                    (1)        May not receive compensation; but

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

11        (d)        The Secretary shall designate the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle.  
12 13-205.

13        The Advisory Council:

14                    (1)        Shall develop and promote educational programs in the prevention  
15 and treatment of high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors; [and]

16                    (2)        SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE  
17 PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ON STROKE PREVENTION, TARGETED TO HIGH-RISK  
18 POPULATIONS AND TO GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE THERE IS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF  
19 STROKE, INCLUDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED OR COMPILED BY THE COUNCIL ON  
20 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

21                    (I)        HEALTH LIFESTYLE PRACTICES THAT REDUCE THE RISK OF  
22 STROKE;

23                    (II)        SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF STROKE AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN  
24 WHEN SIGNS OCCUR;

25                    (III)       DETERMINANTS OF HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR  
26 STROKE;

27                    (IV)       OTHER INFORMATION THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE  
28 FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND

29                    (3)        May use existing programs and groups for this purpose.

30 13-206.

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

- 1           (2)     These guidelines shall cover:
- 2                   (i)     Detection;
- 3                   (ii)    Case finding;
- 4                   (iii)   Diagnosis;
- 5                   (iv)    Diagnostic work up;
- 6                   (v)     Therapy;
- 7                   (vi)    Long term management; and
- 8                   (vii)   Any other services that the Advisory Council thinks should be
- 9 covered.

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

14       (c)     Each year, the Advisory Council shall:

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

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

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

22           (1)     2 members in 2002; and

23           (2)     2 members in 2003.

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