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By: **Senators DeGrange and Hollinger**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Alcohol Abuse and Drug**
3 **Treatment Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs to
5 obtain certification from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before
6 providing services; and generally relating to alcohol and drug abuse treatment
7 programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 8-403
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 8-403.

17 (a) In this section, "alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment program":

18 (1) Means any individual or organization that provides treatment, care,
19 or rehabilitation for individuals who show the effects of drug abuse or alcohol abuse,
20 and represents or advertises itself as an alcohol abuse or drug abuse treatment
21 program; and

22 (2) Includes a program or facility that is owned or operated by this State
23 or any of its political subdivisions.

24 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an alcohol abuse and drug
25 abuse treatment program shall be certified by the Department before program
26 services may be provided in this State.

27 (c) This section does not apply to:

1 (1) A health professional licensed under the Health Occupations Article
2 who is treating patients within the scope of the professional's practice and who does
3 not advertise the practice as an alcohol abuse or drug abuse program;

4 (2) Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, transitional housing
5 programs, or other similar organizations, if the organization holds meetings or
6 provides support services to help individuals who show the effects of drug abuse or
7 alcohol abuse; or

8 (3) An employees' assistance program of a business entity.

9 (d) Unless requested, the certification requirements of this section do not
10 apply to [the following facilities:

11 (1) A]A hospital as defined in § 19-301 of this article accredited by the
12 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals with a separately accredited alcohol
13 and drug abuse program[; and

14 (2) An alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment program accredited by
15 the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals].

16 (e) An intermediate care facility, alcoholic (type C or D), shall be certified as
17 an intermediate care alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment facility.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2001.