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Senate Bill 330 (Senator Kelley)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

State Advisory Council on Heart Disease and Stroke

This bill renames the State Advisory Council on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors to the State Advisory Council on Reducing Death and Suffering from Heart Disease and Stroke.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The change in focus and scope of the advisory council from high blood pressure and cardiovascular risk factors to heart disease and stroke could be handled with existing resources of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: In addition to renaming the council, the bill: (1) increases the number of council members from 16 to 24; (2) specifies five additional organizations from which the Governor shall appoint new council members; (3) requires six council members be appointed from the public; (4) specifies staggered terms for the additional members; (5) requires the council to develop and promote educational programs on heart disease and stroke prevention rather than on high blood pressure and cardiovascular risk factors; (6) requires the council to recommend that DHMH establish guidelines for the effective

management of heart disease and stroke rather than for high blood pressure and cardiovascular risk factors; and (7) requires the council to evaluate heart disease and stroke prevention, education, and treatment programs and send the evaluation and report to the Governor every two years.

Current Law: The State Advisory Council on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Factors is a 16-member council that develops and promotes educational programs in the prevention and treatment of high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors. The council must evaluate high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors annually and send the evaluation with a report to the Governor.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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