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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT co	oncerning
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_	Arthritis Prevention and	Control	Act

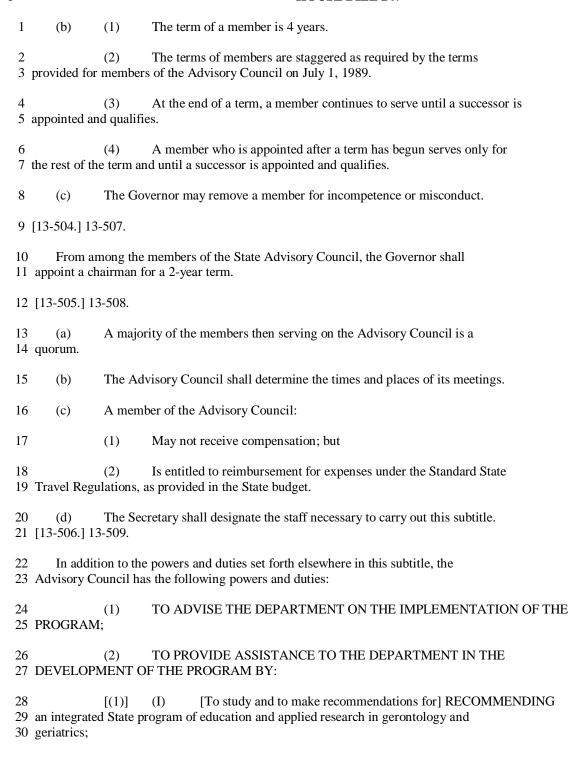
- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program in the
- 4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; defining certain terms; providing
- 5 for certain findings of the General Assembly related to arthritis; providing for
- 6 the purposes of the Program; altering the powers and duties of the State
- Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases; providing for the duties of
- 8 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in administering the Program;
- 9 providing for the funding of the Program; and generally relating to the Arthritis
- 10 Prevention and Control Program.
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Health General
- 13 Section 13-501, 13-503, 13-504, 13-510, 13-511, and 13-512
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 17 Article Health General
- 18 Section 13-501, 13-502, 13-503, 13-504, 13-505, and 13-506 to be under the
- 19 amended subtitle "Subtitle 5. Arthritis Prevention and Control Act"
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

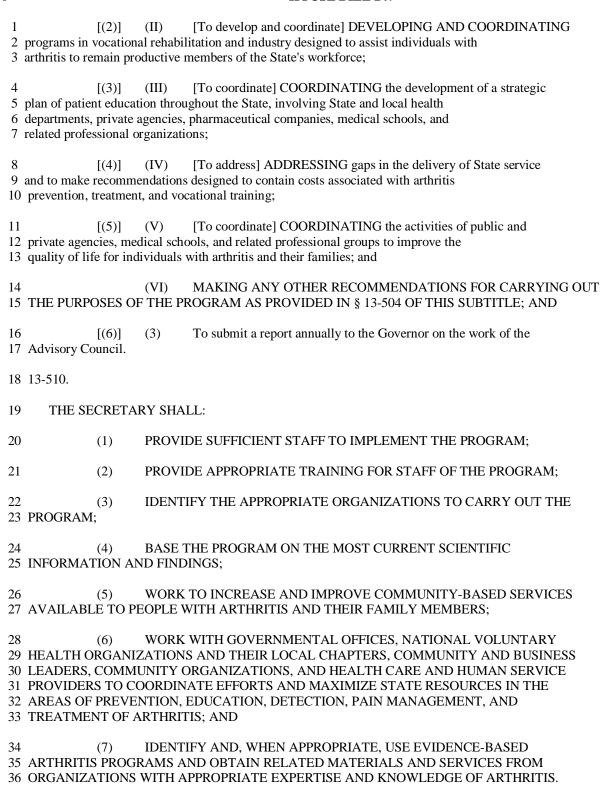
1	Article - Health - General
2 3	Subtitle 5. [Advisory Counsel on] Arthritis [and Related Diseases] PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.
4	13-501.
7	THE ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM IS A PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATING CONSUMERS, AND EDUCATING AND TRAINING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, TEACHERS, AND PROVIDERS ABOUT ARTHRITIS.
9	[13-501.] 13-502.
10 11	(A) In this subtitle[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
12 13	(B) "Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases.
14 15	(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.
16	13-503.
17	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:
	(1) ARTHRITIS ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN 100 DISEASES AND CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT JOINTS, THE SURROUNDING TISSUES, AND OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUES;
	(2) AS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON FAMILY OF DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES, ARTHRITIS AFFECTS NEARLY ONE OF EVERY SIX AMERICANS AND WILL IMPACT AN ESTIMATED 60,000,000 PEOPLE BY THE YEAR 2020;
24 25	(3) ARTHRITIS IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES, LIMITING DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR MORE THAN 7,000,000 PEOPLE;
28	(4) ALTHOUGH PREVAILING MYTHS INACCURATELY PORTRAY ARTHRITIS AS AN OLD PERSON'S DISEASE, ARTHRITIS IS A MULTIGENERATIONAL DISEASE THAT HAS BECOME ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST PRESSING HEALTH PROBLEMS;
	(5) ARTHRITIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING THE PAINFUL SYMPTOMS AND FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS PROVIDING FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL;
	(6) THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TREATING ARTHRITIS AND THE COMPLICATIONS OF ARTHRITIS ARE ESTIMATED AT ALMOST \$80,000,000,000 ANNUALLY;

- **HOUSE BILL 247** CURRENTLY, THE CHALLENGE EXISTS TO ENSURE DELIVERY OF (7)2 EFFECTIVE, BUT OFTEN UNDERUTILIZED, INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY IN 3 THE PREVENTION OR REDUCTION OF ARTHRITIS-RELATED PAIN AND DISABILITY; THE LARGE QUANTITY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PROGRAMS 5 ABOUT ARTHRITIS REMAIN INADEQUATELY DISSEMINATED AND ARE INSUFFICIENT 6 IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND OTHER 7 UNDERSERVED GROUPS: THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL 8 9 AND PREVENTION, AND THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH 10 OFFICIALS HAVE LED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY, THE 11 NATIONAL ARTHRITIS ACTION PLAN, TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE, BUT 12 OFTEN UNDERUTILIZED INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY IN THE 13 PREVENTION OR REDUCTION OF ARTHRITIS-RELATED PAIN AND DISABILITY; AND 14 EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY 15 THROUGHOUT THE STATE ABOUT ARTHRITIS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AND IS 16 IN EVERY RESPECT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL 17 RESIDENTS OF THE STATE. 18 13-504. 19 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO: 20 CREATE AND FOSTER A STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES 21 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INCREASES KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CAUSES OF 22 ARTHRITIS, THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND APPROPRIATE 23 MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE PREVENTION STRATEGIES, AND PAIN PREVENTION AND 24 MANAGEMENT; 25 ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF ARTHRITIS BY DISSEMINATING TO 26 PATIENTS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND THE PUBLIC: 27 (I) **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:** 28 (II)INFORMATION ON RESEARCH RESULTS; INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED; AND 29 (III)30 (IV) STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL;
- 31 (3) ESTABLISH A SOLID SCIENTIFIC BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE
- 32 PREVENTION OF ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISABILITY THROUGH SURVEILLANCE.
- 33 EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION RESEARCH;
- 34 (4) UTILIZE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING RESOURCES AND SERVICES
- 35 DEVELOPED BY ORGANIZATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE
- 36 OF ARTHRITIS AND USE AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

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1 2	(5) ACCESSIBILITY O		JATE THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND ING COMMUNITY-BASED ARTHRITIS SERVICES;			
		INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RTHRITIS AMONG STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, ESSIONALS, AND POLICY MAKERS;				
6 7	(7) SERVICES TO RED		MENT AND COORDINATE STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND E PUBLIC HEALTH BURDEN OF ARTHRITIS; AND			
8 9	(8) FOR INDIVIDUALS		VE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONTAIN HEALTH CARE COSTS ARTHRITIS AND THEIR FAMILIES.			
10	[13-502.] 13-505.					
11 12	1 There is a State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases FOR THE PROGRAM.					
13	[13-503.] 13-506.					
14 15	(a) (1) Governor.	The Advisory Council consists of 15 members appointed by the				
16	(2)	Of the 1	5 members:			
17 18	professionals at the S	(i) State's 2 n	2 shall be representatives of the physicians and arthritis health nedical schools;			
19		(ii)	1 shall be a representative of the Department;			
20 21	Rehabilitation;	(iii)	1 shall be a representative of the Division of Vocational			
22		(iv)	1 shall be a representative of the Department of Aging;			
23 24	Employment of the I	(v) Handicap	1 shall be a representative of the Governor's Committee on ped;			
	25 (vi) 3 shall be members of voluntary agencies, including the 26 Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the Maryland Lupus Foundation, and 27 Home Health Care Inc.;					
28 29	or both outside of the	(vii) e major n	2 shall be representatives from hospitals or health professionals netropolitan areas;			
30 31	including the pharma	(viii) aceutical	2 shall be representatives from the health care industry, industry and third-party payors; and			
32 33	patients.	(ix)	2 shall be arthritic patients or family members of arthritic			





- 1 13-511.
- 2 THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM
- 3 SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- 4 13-512.
- 5 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND ARTHRITIS PREVENTION
- 6 AND CONTROL ACT".
- 7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 8 October 1, 2002.