

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 499  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is the tenth most common cancer among females in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer disproportionately affects minorities since the rate of new cases of cervical cancer is higher among females from racial and ethnic groups than among white females; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 12,200 new cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed in 2003 and that of the women diagnosed, 4,100 will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Routine screening for cervical cancer can prevent the disease, although between 2 and 3 million of the approximately 50 million pap tests performed in the United States annually produce inconclusive results, leading to no treatment or inappropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, Examining methods of preventing and providing for the earlier detection of cervical cancer will help to ensure that the most current technologies and best practices are used in Maryland to prevent cervical cancer as well as to provide optimal care and lifesaving measures for women with the disease; now, therefore,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 19, strike the comma and substitute “:

(Over)

(i)”;

and in line 22, after “education;” insert “and

(ii) examine new and emerging medicines, including vaccines, that are being developed in an effort to cure cervical cancer;”.