

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1323

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Task Force to Study Lyme Disease” and substitute “State Board of Physicians - Information Regarding Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Illness”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “Disease” in line 8 and substitute “requiring the State Board of Physicians to develop and disseminate a document to certain licensees regarding certain diagnosis and treatment information for Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness; requiring the document developed and disseminated by the Board to include certain information regarding the use of certain antibiotic or antimicrobial therapy; requiring the document to be distributed annually; requiring the Board to convene a study commission for certain purposes related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness; requiring the study commission to make certain reports to the General Assembly; and generally relating to the development and dissemination of information regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness”; after line 8, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-508

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)”;

and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 18, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 24, inclusive; and in line 26, after “That” insert “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 2 through line 33 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

(Over)

“Article - Health Occupations

14-508.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A DOCUMENT TO ALL LICENSEES REGARDING THE MOST RECENT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT INFORMATION FOR LYME DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESS.

(B) THE DOCUMENT DEVELOPED AND DISSEMINATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) INCLUDE THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC OR ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY; AND

(2) BE DISTRIBUTED ANNUALLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall convene a study commission to:

(a) consult with:

(1) physicians who are knowledgeable of and treat both early and late stage Lyme disease;

(2) physicians with experience in immunology and infectious disease;

(3) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) the Department of Natural Resources;

(5) the Department of Agriculture;

(6) the State epidemiologist;

(7) representatives from Lyme disease support groups; and

(8) any other interested parties;

(b) explore the prevalence of Lyme disease and associated tick-borne illness including identifying where reports of Lyme disease are most prevalent in the State and reviewing and disseminating information from the Centers for Disease Control in this regard;

(c) address the concerns of those with whom the study commission consults under subsection (a) of this section;

(d) make recommendations to the Board regarding the document required to be disseminated under this Act;

(e) brief the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in January of 2006 regarding the progress and findings of the study commission; and

(f) report annually to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.”.