

HOUSE BILL 159

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hepatitis C Inmate Treatment Program – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
4 Services, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
5 to provide a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or
6 before a certain date; and generally relating to hepatitis C testing and
7 treatment of inmates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 18–1001(3)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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 18–1001.

17 As funds are available, the Department shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) Coordinate with other units of State government, including the
2 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Veterans'
3 Administration, to activate a hepatitis C virus plan for the education, testing, and
4 treatment of the populations within the jurisdiction of the units;

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December
6 31, 2007, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration
7 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall report, in accordance with §
8 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and
9 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations
10 Committee of the General Assembly on:

11 (1) the amount of funds appropriated to test and treat individuals
12 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for
13 hepatitis C;

14 (2) the entity selected by the Department to provide hepatitis C
15 testing and treatment services;

16 (3) the testing modality used to identify individuals under the
17 jurisdiction of the Department with hepatitis C;

18 (4) the number of individuals under jurisdiction of the Department
19 who have been tested by the Department for hepatitis C; and

20 (5) the number of individuals who have tested positive for hepatitis C
21 who have received treatment by the Department.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 June 1, 2007.