

HOUSE BILL 236

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By: **Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, Benson, Eckardt, Hubbard, Morhaim, and Oaks**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Registered Nurses – Dispensing Methadone**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain nurses to dispense methadone in a certain
4 clinic licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in accordance
5 with certain regulations developed and adopted by the State Board of Nursing
6 and the State Board of Pharmacy; and generally relating to nurses dispensing
7 methadone.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 8–511

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 Occupations**

16 **8–511.**

17 **A REGISTERED NURSE WORKING IN A METHADONE CLINIC LICENSED BY**
18 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY DISPENSE**
19 **METHADONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS JOINTLY DEVELOPED AND**
20 **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2007.