

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

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 14, 2007

CHAPTER _____

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.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **A REGISTERED NURSE OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE WORKING IN A**
 2 **METHADONE CLINIC LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL**
 3 **HYGIENE MAY DISPENSE METHADONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS**
 4 **JOINTLY DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD OF**
 5 **PHARMACY.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.